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British Bombers Make Mass Attack on Invasion Bases

More Than 100 Spitfires, Hurricanes Take Part in Destructive Raids

London, Feb. 3.

MORE than 100 Spitfire and Hurricane fighter planes yesterday escorted R.A.F. bombers in sweeping bombing raids over German occupied areas of France, the Air Ministry announced last night.

The massive daylight attacks on German bases in France were believed to have been directed against Nazi preparations for an attempted invasion of the British Isles.

Following the daylight air raids on German bases in France, England experienced a quiet night last night. Up to an early hour this morning not a single German attack on the British Isles had been reported.

The Air Ministry said an American flight lieutenant shot down one of the three Messerschmitt fighter planes blasted out of the skies by the R.A.F. over France yesterday.

Three squadrons of Hurricanes were reported to have escorted a mass flight of bombers which attacked the docks at Boulogne, possible German jumping off place for an invasion of England.

Another three squadrons of Spitfires protected the bombers from above.

Barges moored alongside the quays at Boulogne were heavily bombed, the Air Ministry said. German fighters were said to have been "scared off" by the large number of British fighter planes and "refused to give battle," the Air Ministry said. British pursuit planes had to attack the Germans first in order to shoot down three of them, the communique reported.—United Press.

Gigantic Explosions

Folkestone, Feb. 3.

British bombers yesterday carried out one of their most severe attacks of the war against German invasion bases along the French coast.

Gigantic explosions in French ports could be heard on the coast here, but a heavy haze prevented observers from determining the exact location of the bombings.

The British bombers, in some cases escorted by fighter planes, crossed the coast here for hours on the way to France. Scores of heavy bombs were unloaded over French ports opposite Folkestone.

Making-up for Lost Time

Observers on the French coast witnessed several dog fights between returning British bombers and German fighter planes. The bombers, however, succeeded in driving the German planes off with heavy machine-gun fire and shot down one Messerschmitt near the English coast.

The extensive daylight raids on German invasion bases opposite Folkstone indicated that the R.A.F. was making-up for time lost during the past fortnight of heavy fog. The fog presumably permitted the Germans to rush preparations for an invasion attempt against England.

The return of sunny weather yesterday, however, brought R.A.F. and Coastal Command planes back over the French coast in force.—United Press.

Winter Persists in Channel

London, Feb. 3.

Wintry weather has returned to the Straits of Dover, and early this morning there was a fall snow.

The French Coast was swept by a bitter northerly wind throughout the day.—Reuter.

Invasion Attempt Foreseen Soon

Mr. Mackenzie King Says In a "Very Short Time" Nazis to Launch Attack

Ottawa, Feb. 3.

Mr. William L. Mackenzie King, Canadian Prime Minister, yesterday in a radio broadcast predicted that Germany would make a tremendous effort to destroy the British Empire "within a very short time."

Simultaneously Mr. King revealed that Canada was planning to send overseas a third Canadian division and a fourth armoured division.

Canada also expects to double its naval strength and naval personnel," the Prime Minister said.

The Empire air training plan, he said, will be in full operation in September, eight months ahead of the present schedule.

The Canadian Royal Air Force of 36,000 men will be doubled by next December and the present 1,700 planes will have been increased to over 4,000 by the year end, he said.

Twenty-five new Canadian squadrons, composed of graduates of the Dominion air training programme, are now nearly ready to be sent overseas where Britain will finish training them and will equip them, Mr. King said.—United Press.

Invasion Warning

London, Feb. 3.

The British press warned the people of England to prepare for an imminent German invasion attempt yesterday after the R.A.F. had carried out extensive bombing and reconnaissance flights over German invasion bases along the French coast.

The invasion warning came after brilliant sunshine early yesterday permitted British reconnaissance planes to survey the state of German invasion preparations for the first time after two weeks of heavy fog.

The British press warned that a prelude to a second "Battle of Britain" had begun with the resumption of intensified German reconnaissance flights over the British Isles. All civilians were warned to be doubly alert and Major-Gen. J. F. C. Fuller, writing in the "Sunday Pictorial," urged the populace to hoard sufficient food to last several weeks.

The "Sunday Express" warned the people that any collapse of the civilian front, which was one of the important factors in the collapse of France, would have a similarly adverse effect on Britain.—United Press.

20-Year-Old Woman in Germany Decapitated

Berlin, Feb. 3.

Ruth Schubert, aged 20, the first woman to have died this year on the scaffold for espionage, was executed this morning. Decapitated with her was Karl Schapper, aged 62, who was convicted of high treason. Three spies were executed in Germany during the month of January.—Reuter.

British Forces Driving Deep Into Eritrea

Success Reported on All African Fronts

Cairo, Feb. 3.

British troops have captured the town of Agordat, important strategical point in Eritrea on the railway leading to the Red Sea port of Massawa.

Announcing this success, a communique from British Headquarters says: "Yesterday morning (Saturday) British troops captured the town of Agordat, taking many hundreds of prisoners with guns and mechanical transport. Six Italian medium tanks, five light tanks and 15 guns also were destroyed. The enemy sustained heavy casualties during the final attack carried out by British and Indian troops with Royal Air Force co-operation. By dusk yesterday advanced elements of the British force were again in close pursuit of the enemy withdrawing towards Keren (50 miles farther east on the railway to Massawa)."

In the Barentu area operations are proceeding well while farther south Biacundi is now in British hands with more prisoners from the Italian forces which originally withdrew from Umm Hagar.

As a result of these actions coupled with patriot activities Italian troops withdrawing from the Walkait district have been obliged to abandon the bulk of their mechanical transport and are now trying to make their way eastwards by mountain tracks.

Italians in Full Retreat

In Abyssinia following British pressure in the Metemma area the enemy is also in full retreat on the Metemma-Gonder road closely followed by British mobile troops. Pressure by British troops continues in all sectors of Italian Somaliland across the Italian frontier resulting in a general falling back of the enemy's advanced lines.

Regarding Libya the communique says that the concentration of British forces in the area of west Libya is proceeding.

Italy's East African empire has taken more severe knocks with the fall of Agordat, the falling back of the armed advance screen protecting Somaliland and the full retreat of forces which had held up the British penetration into north-east Abyssinia from Metemma.

The Axis High Commands report intervention by German bombers in the war in Libya but British Headquarters in Cairo says concentration of British forces west of Derna is "proceeding smoothly" and R.A.F. fighters which maintained patrols over Libya yesterday suffered no loss.

German Bombers Active

It is considered probable, writes Reuter's air correspondent, that German aircraft attempting to harass the British advance in Libya are long-range bombers operating direct from Sicily though it is possible for shorter-range bombers to take part after refuelling at Libyan aerodromes.

Following the capture of Agordat British troops yesterday were pressing on the town of Keren, 50 miles farther east. Keren is probably not defended as well as Agordat but the tempo of the British advance is now expected to slow down somewhat as the mountainous nature of the terrain favours defence.

Agordat was held by a large garrison, part of which evidently escaped despite the capture of several hundred prisoners.

A military spokesman here said the Italians at other points are now in a "very sticky position." They are virtually surrounded though they may hold out for a few days yet.

Meanwhile British shells are raining on the Metemma-Gonder area as British mobile forces chase the Italians into the interior of Abyssinia.

Surprise in Abyssinia

The Italians in this sector appear to have been taken by surprise as they had expected to be faced only with guerilla warfare by Ethiopian patriots and not with regular military action such as is now occurring.

The success at Agordat and the advance on Keren point to an early attack on Asmara itself which is a very important Italian hill position from which the British could descend upon Massawa.

The retreat of the defenders of Barentu is now gravely imperilled.

With the natives of Abyssinia rising in revolt which has been carefully prepared, the Italians may be forced to concentrate round Addis Ababa for a final stand. Their situation in Abyssinia is believed to be growing desperate.

Bombers of the South African Air Force operated on Saturday in support of the British advance in several parts of Italian East Africa. They attacked Assab, Italy's second Eritrean port, where munition dumps were hit. Attacks also were made on concentrations of motor transport at Mega and Iavello and on aerodromes at Zula and Lahga, where direct hits were obtained on military buildings.

R.A.F. Destructive

An R.A.F. communique reports that offensive fighter patrols, bombing raids and reconnaissance flights were continued throughout the Middle East on Saturday and from all of them the planes returned without loss.

Normal fighter patrols were maintained in Libya. Two damaged [Reuter.

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Barentu Captured

Cairo, Feb. 3.

The British Imperial Forces fighting on the Eritrean front have captured Barentu, it has just been announced. It is believed that a whole Italian division was invested in this stronghold, but details of the number of prisoners taken are not yet to hand.—Reuter.

New Phase of Greek Drive Across Albania Begun Successfully

Whole Mountain Range North of Klisura Taken; Disastrous Counter-Attacks Weaken Italians

Athens, Feb. 3.

MORE local successes and further capture of prisoners were announced in a Greek High Command communique issued on Sunday night. The whole mountain range north of Klissura, nine miles long, is now in Greek hands, after successful operations during the last few days, which have principally been between Klisura and Berat, guarding the approaches to Valona and Elbasan.

The initiative remains in Greek hands despite recent desperate Italian counter-attacks. All Italian attempts to counter-attack have failed, and Greek forces have advanced steadily and have taken up new lines and positions according to plan.

The Athens radio stated that the recent operations were the beginning of a new phase of the Greek advance across Albania.

The announcer continued, "The very considerable successes of our army in the sector of the front extending beyond Klisura has obliged Gen. Cavallero, Italian Commander-in-Chief, to order the speedy evacuation of Italian forces in this important area. Foreign observers express the view that any attempt on the part of the Italians to check the tide of the Greek advance is doomed to failure because after repeated disasters their striking power has been very substantially reduced.

"Losses which the Italian forces sustained during the latest counter-attack are estimated by three observers to be as high as 40 per cent. of their total effectives."

Valona Raided

Bombers of the R.A.F. again attacked the Albanian port of Valona on Saturday, it is announced here. The raid was carried out despite bad weather. Warehouses and munition dumps were among targets effectively bombed and hits were registered on buildings.

According to the headquarters of British forces in Libya anti-aircraft fire was intense but the planes machine-gunned a battery from a low altitude. All the aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

Italian Attacks Smashed

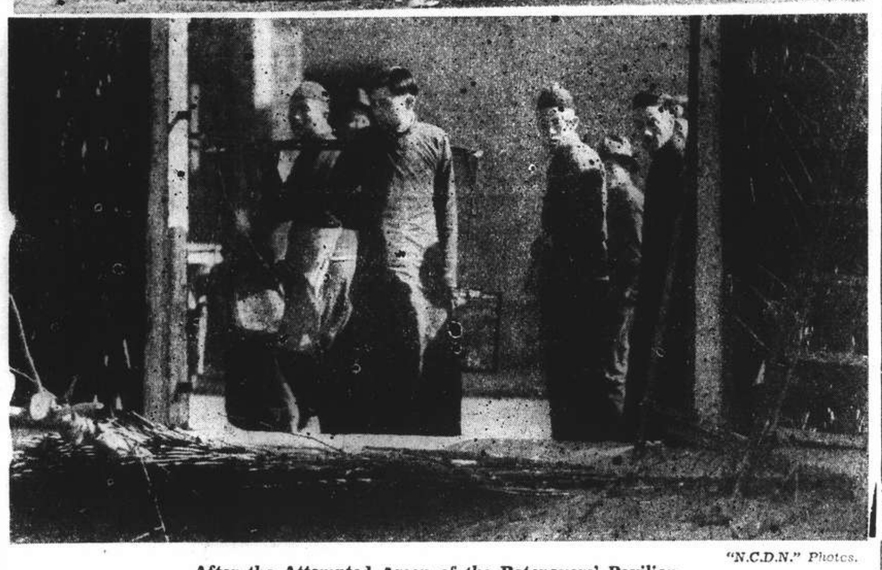
Athens, Feb. 3.

Twelve Italian attacks on a single front in Albania were smashed by Greek troops during the past week, the Greek Army announced last night.

The Italians on twelve occasions during the week unsuccessfully attempted to reoccupy a 1300 metre height from which they had fled earlier in the path of the advancing Greeks.

Italian efforts to recapture the height apparently ended on Friday with the twelfth attack, Greek Army quarters said. No attacks were launched in this sector on Saturday or Sunday, it was said.

Italian air activity over Greece on Saturday was described by a Greek Army spokesman last night as having been "unimportant and ineffectual."—United Press.



"N.C.D.N." Photos.

After the Attempted Arson of the Ratepayers' Pavilion

Japanese efforts to burn the Ratepayers' pavilion at the Race Course were frustrated by the timely action of the Russian Auxiliary Detachment sentries, who exchanged shots with Japanese. Upper photo shows the taxi, commandeered by the Japanese to do the job. The vehicle caught fire and the Japanese made their last attempt to put the matshed on fire by ramming the car backwards into the pavilion. The woodwork, upholstery and motor of the car were destroyed. The lower photo depicts the part of the Race Course fence smashed by the car when the Japanese crashed through it and raced toward the pavilion.

Terrorists Bomb Two Sections Of Chinese Court Here

Mystery Shrouds Strange Attacks on Tribunal Maintaining Allegiance to Chungking

AFTER a respite of several months terrorists again conducted their sinister activities in various parts of the city yesterday and following an abortive attempt to set ablaze the site of the ratepayers' meeting to be held tomorrow at the Race Course hurled a number of bombs of the potato masher type at the First Special District Court in Weihaiwei Road and its criminal branch in North Chekiang Road. The missiles were described as being of the nuisance type, indicating that the bombers whose identities are unknown to the police, were bent on striking terror rather than being on a mission of destruction.

The attempts to bomb the courts were prepetrated almost simultaneously, strengthening the belief that they are the work of the same band whose members were able to work uninterruptedly under cover of the darkness, the outrages taking place between 4.30 to 5 a.m. in the morning. Owing to the earliness of the hour and the absence of court officials, the damage done was negligible, the bombs, which in both instances were thrown from a car, landing in the court compounds causing some damage to two motor cars.

Two out of four bombs thrown into the compound of the civil division of the court on Weihaiwei Road exploded and loud explosions awakened a number of people living in the neighbourhood. The office of the secretary of the court and a car belonging to Mr. Fifton, a member of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, sustained slight damage.

Extensive enquiries made by the police after the outrage disclosed that the missiles were thrown by unknown persons from a car hired from a Hongkew garage bearing Municipal licence No. 1774 which had been commandeered by three Chinese. The chauffeur was forced to negotiate the vicinity of the court slowly while the other occupants hurled the missiles into the court compound. The car was then driven to Jessfield Road where the occupants alighted and made their escape. The driver of the car reported the incident to the Bubbling Well Police Station.

North Chekiang Road Bombing

Three bombs were tossed by two occupants of a hire car from Tsepoo Road into the compound of the criminal division of the court on North Chekiang Road in the west Hongkew district. Only one of the bombs exploded, causing only slight damage to a motorcar, belonging to a member of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps guarding the court. A tyre of the car was punctured.

Mystery shrouds the motive for the bombings as in both cases the bomb tossers escaped under cover of the darkness. It will be recalled that there was considerable agitation some time ago for the rendition of the court to the new Nanking regime, this being one of the few outstanding vexed questions which had remain unsettled between the Settlement authorities and the new regime.

The agitation was revived to some extent recently when the second Special District Court and the Kiangsu High Court in the French Concession were rendited to the Nanking regime whose officials unobsequiously took over leaving the two Chinese courts in the Settlement to flourish with other last outposts of the Chungking Government here.

Chinese Accountant Kidnapped

American Trading Co. Employee Taken Away By Five Unarmed Men

Mystery surrounds the kidnapping of Mr. Lee Piau, also known as Morgan Lee, chief accountant of the American Trading Company, yesterday morning at 9.15, when he was forced into a waiting car outside Lane 452 Taku Road by five men, all believed to have been unarmed.

Mr. Lee has been with the American Trading Company for more than 30 years, having joined the firm in 1910. The car, in which the victim had been spirited away, could not be found yesterday. Bearing licence No. 4615, the car was found to belong to a Japanese, who, it was presumed, used the vehicle for hiring out.

The mystery was further deepened by the fact that Mr. Chang Wei-ting, as assistant of Mr. Lee and a bookkeeper employed by the same firm, was missing from early morning yesterday. Mr. Chang, it was learned, left his home in the French Concession early in the morning and had not been heard of since. Whether he was kidnapped or not could not be ascertained, but detectives believed that such might have been the case. The most probable supposition was that he had been lured away by the same men who kidnapped Mr. Lee.

An interesting factor in the case is that the American Trading Company is the firm whose copper coins, ingots and copper bars were removed by Elly Widler from the Commercial Express godown.

An order for the arrest of Widler had been issued by the Swiss Consul-General, but the police were unable to effect his arrest because of the appearance of Japanese gendarmes, who defied Settlement officers.

Later, the police arrested Wilhelm Bender in his home in Park Lane in the Hongkew district on suspicion of having participated in the alleged theft of the copper, but he was released after being detained for about a fortnight.

Widler, on several occasions, confirmed the fact that he had removed the copper from the godown, but claimed that it had been confiscated by the Japanese authorities on the grounds that it was the property of the Chungking Government.

Mr. Lee was to have appeared as a witness in the civil case of the American Trading Company against the Commercial Express Company in the U.S. Court for China on February 11.

Canada to Send Great Army Home

Ottawa, Feb. 3.

A great army of airmen, infantry and armoured units is going overseas this year, declared Mr. W. L. MacKenzie King, Premier of Canada, in a broadcast yesterday.—Reuter.

Chinese Reporter Slain by Gunman

Mr. King, Blacklisted by Nanking Government, Shot In Three Places

Terrorists struck again in the city yesterday morning when Mr. King Hwa-ting, a reporter of the "Shun Pao," an American-owned Chinese language newspaper, was shot and killed by an unidentified assassin in front of the Ambassador Ballroom in Avenue Edward VII at 4.30 a.m. Mr. King, who was leaving the ballroom in company of some friends, was hit by three shots, in the head, chest and abdomen. He died on the spot.

It is understood that the killer arrived outside the ballroom at about 1 a.m., standing near the doorway. The watchman, who became suspicious after a time, questioned him, the gunman answering that he was the bodyguard of a wealthy Chinese who was dancing inside. This apparently satisfied the watchman, who went back to his post. It is known that Mr. King always carried a pistol after the famous blacklist was published by Nanking, but he did not have time to use his gun before being killed.

The news of Mr. King's death was received in journalistic circles with deep regret as he was known to be an honest and friendly newspaperman. He was married and was the father of three children.

The deceased was one of the Chinese newspapermen blacklisted by the Nanking Government last summer and his home in Route Vallon was often visited by his antagonists, with the result that he had to take special precautions with regard to his movements.

Mr. King was 40 years of age and a native of Chekiang. He was noted for his talents in writing at an early age and after graduation from a middle school, went to a university in Peiping.

Joined in 1926

He joined the "Shun Pao" staff in 1926, at the time when the Nationalist forces were on their revolutionary expedition to Peking. Mr. King went there together with the army as a reporter. His accuracy of reports was well-known and praised by everyone. He was also engaged in reporting the incidents of January 18 and August 13, braving all kinds of dangers and going to the front lines to gather war news.

The deceased leaves a widow and three children, the eldest of them being eleven years old. His body was removed to the Shanghai Funeral Directors.

Mr. King, it may be recalled, was the first "Shun Pao" employee to meet death directly at the hands of terrorists, although a printer was killed six months ago when the newspaper was bombed. That was on the first occasion that "Shun Pao" was bombed and nineteen persons, including a C.P.C. were injured.

Japanese Try to Burn Ratepayers' Pavilion

Efforts Frustrated by Sentries of Russian Detachment; Council to Deliver Protest to Japanese Authorities in Shanghai

A SECOND attempt to force the Shanghai Municipal Council to abandon the Ratepayers' Special Meeting was made early yesterday morning when two Japanese crashed a Taylor taxi through the bamboo fence from the Race Course Road side of the Recreation grounds and raced toward the Ratepayers' Pavilion in an effort to set it on fire. Their attempts to do so, however, were frustrated by members of the S.M.P. Russian Auxiliary Detachment, who challenged the offenders and exchanged shots with them, putting the Japanese to flight.

Following the shooting at the Ratepayers' Meeting on January 23, when Messrs. W. J. Keswick, I. Okamoto and K. Ikeda were wounded by Mr. Y. Hayashi, the Russian Auxiliary Detachment received orders to detail two sentries to guard the matshed day and night. Two firemen and a police party were also in attendance there.

At about 2.30 a.m. yesterday, one of the Russian sentries noticed a car advancing without headlights and going approximately 25-30 miles per hour. The sentry, without suspecting the sinister aim of the occupants of the vehicle, tried to stop it by barring its way. The driver, however, opened the lights suddenly, blinding the sentry, and continued at the same speed.

Bottle at Matshed

To avoid being hit, the Russian auxiliary jumped aside. The car brushed by and the sentry saw one of the occupants throw a bottle at the matshed. It caught fire immediately and the ex-soldier ran toward the pavilion, doing his utmost to extinguish the flames. The occupants of the vehicle, meanwhile, were spraying gasoline at the matshed.

The second sentry, detailed to guard the matshed at the other end, some two hundred yards away, also saw the approaching car. His attempt to stop it met with the same results as those of the first sentry.

The Japanese in the meantime were throwing matches at the matshed in an effort to set the pavilion on fire. The second Russian also rushed to stop the blaze and at that time, the Japanese car went up in flames.

Seeing their efforts wasted, as the small blaze was being extinguished by the quick action of the Russians, the Japanese reversed gear and attempted to ram the burning car into the pavilion. Here, too, they were unsuccessful as the vehicle smashed through the railing and stopped.

The two Japanese jumped out of the car, while the Russians rushed toward the vehicle and pushed it out on to the racing track. It was then that the Japanese fired two shots at one of the Russians, who retaliated by firing twice at the escaping shadows. Due to the darkness, his shots went astray. Helped by the darkness and the inability of the Russian sentries to pursue them, since they were busy in extinguishing the flames, the Japanese ran toward the Bubbling Well entrance and escaped.

Hour's Fire Extinguishing

Firemen from the Sinza fire station were called out to extinguish the burning car and it took them over

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Japanese Rights in South Seas Claimed

Japan Justified in Using Resources Says Minister; U.S. Challenge Perceived

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

Japan is justified, under prevailing circumstances, to utilize resources of the South Seas region, Mr. Naoki Hoshino, Minister without Portfolio and concurrently President of the Cabinet Planning Board, said today.

Mr. Hoshino's words were in response to questions asked him by members of the Lower House Budget Committee.

Utilization of South Seas resources, Mr. Hoshino said, "is the only means toward strengthening Japan's national power as soon as possible. "I intend to leave nothing undone toward this end by devising every conceivable measure."

He declined to reveal, publicly, what resources were desired but added "the South Seas region is Japan's lifeline."—United Press.

Japan Will Go Forward

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

It is self-evident that Japan will go forward with her fixed policy whatever attitude the Netherlands East Indies may take towards Japan's request for co-operation in the establishment of a sphere of common prosperity throughout Greater East Asia, states the "Kokumin Shimbun" today in a comment on the statement of Mr. Naoki Hoshino in the Diet. [Reuter.

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Japanese Cabinet Has Emergency Meeting

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

The Japanese Cabinet held an emergency meeting this evening to discuss diplomatic affairs and its policy of dealing with the Diet, Japanese sources disclosed. Prior to the meeting, it was said, the Cabinet held a liaison conference with the Japanese High Command, said Japanese sources.—United Press.

Japan Rejects N.E.I. Protest to Inclusion in "New Order"

Sphere of Co-Prosperity Said Only Economic. Not of a Political Character

FROM PERCY WHITING
N.C.D.N. Special Correspondent in Japan

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

THE Netherlands Minister to Japan, Gen. Pabst, informed Mr. Ohashi, Vice-Foreign Minister, on January 31, that the Dutch Government in London had instructed him to inform the Japanese Government that the N.E.I. decline to be included in Japan's Greater East Asia co-prosperity sphere. Mr. Ohashi is reported to have replied to this statement that any such declaration is purely an affair of the Netherlands, in which Japan is not interested, and that his country adheres to its fixed policy of economic collaboration with the East Indies. This policy, he added, is part of the programme of promoting the welfare of all the peoples of East Asia.

The Japanese press is giving prominence to a London report forecasting the declaration mentioned above, and ascribes it to Anglo-American instigation. The comment made on this is that it will be ignored by Japan, whose policy will be unaffected. The "Yomiuri" warns the Netherlands that if that country persists in such an attitude towards Japan, it may jeopardize her own position in the N. E. I.

"Only Economic"

Tokyo, Feb. 8.

Rejecting the representation, Mr. Ohashi is understood to have pointed out that the sphere of common prosperity as advocated by Japan concerns only economic affairs and has no policical character.

The Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs further is understood to have informed Gen. Pabst that Japan intended to continue the Batavia parleys with the Netherlands East Indies.—Domei.

Conference in Tokyo

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

The Dutch Minister to Japan, Gen. Jean Pabst, last week conferred with the Japanese Foreign Office regarding Japan's proposal to include the Netherlands East Indies in Japan's dream of a "new order in East Asia," it was learned today.

Gen. Pabst conferred with the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chuichi Ohashi, on January 31 after the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, had announced Japan's plan to include the N.E.I. in Japan's "sphere of co-prosperity."

Details of the talk between Gen. Pabst and Mr. Ohashi were not disclosed today but Japanese reports from London said that Gen. Pabst had been instructed by the Dutch Government there to reject the Japanese proposal.—United Press.

Japan to Ignore Demarche

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

The Japanese government officially is uninformed that the Netherlands Government in London holds the view of rejecting "any suggestion of having the Netherlands East Indies incorporated in the new order in East Asia under the leadership of any power whatsoever," it was revealed here today.

Well-informed sources here held the view that Japan will ignore any demarche of that kind inasmuch as it is known that the Dutch government in exile in London is under the virtual tutelage of Great Britain.

These quarters believed that Japan's policy to strengthen economic ties in the East Indies as part of her programme to bring about East Asian co-prosperity will remain unaffected by any Dutch demarche.—Domei.

N.E.I. Has No Choice

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

The Netherlands East Indies must become a part of Japan's new order in East Asia whether they want to or not, the newspaper "Asahi" said today.

The paper predicted that the Japanese Government would reject any action by the Dutch Government in London which amounted to a refusal of Japan's proposal to include the East Indies in Japan's "sphere of co-prosperity."

The paper commented on reports from London alleging that the Dutch Government had instructed its Minister in Tokyo to reject the Japanese proposal for including the N.E.I. in Japan's dream of a "new order in East Asia."—United Press.

Thai-Indo-China Negotiations Endangered by More Fighting

Minor Skirmishes Continue as Diplomatic Relations Begin Returning to Normal

Bangkok, Feb. 3.

THE possibility of a peaceful solution of the French Indo-China, Thailand hostilities was jeopardized last night when the Thailand High Command announced here that fighting had broken out again in the Aranya sector.

Meanwhile, the Thailand Government announced that the Japanese destroyer which anchored in the Menam River four days ago had been sent here by Japan "in order that messages might be sent from Bangkok to Saigon and Tokyo during the peace negotiations."

The High Command said that a patrol of six French soldiers yesterday entered territory recently occupied by Thailand forces in the Kompat sector. Thai troops immediately surrounded the French troops, capturing four and wounding one while another escaped, the High Command said. A brief clash was said to have preceded the capturing of the French.

French Troops Attack

Later another company of French troops attacked the village of Kompat but were repulsed when Thai forces launched a counter-attack, the High Command said.

Another French attack was reported to have occurred at the same point this morning.

The communique indicated that French and Thailand forces had not withdrawn ten kilometres on either side of the frontier as provided in the armistice agreement signed in Saigon last week.—United Press.

Negotiations Continue

Vichy, Feb. 3.

Virtually normal relations will be re-established between French Indo-China and Thailand during the armistice signed by the two countries aboard a Japanese warship at Saigon last week, authoritative French Government quarters said here last night.

The Thailand consul is expected to return to his post in Saigon immediately it was said. Postal and maritime communications between the two countries also will be resumed.

A commission including French, Siamese and Japanese members will be formed to deal with problems which may arise between Indo-China and Thailand during the armistice, it was said.—United Press.

Editorial Comment

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

Commenting on the conclusion of the armistice agreement between Thailand and Indo-China, the "Yomiuri Shimbun," leadnig Tokyo daily, congratulates the two countries and points to the impartiality of the judgment that both forces should withdraw 10 kilometres.

The paper expected that the coming Tokyo parley will be concluded in a short time if such a spirit of mutual concession is reflected here.

Emphasizing the absolute need for such mutual concession for the welfare of all peoples in the greater East Asia mutual prosperity sphere the "Yomiuri" says no dispute, whatever its nature, can be solved without regard to natural laws and historical relations. It concludes with a hope that the two countries, instead of being absorbed in struggles for trifling immediate gains, will seek a basic solution of their problems with a broader view for the future prosperity of East Asia.—Reuter.

America Watching Indo-China

Washington Said Following Closely Every Move Made By Japan in South Asia

Washington, Feb. 3.

The State Department remained silent yesterday regarding the role Japan is playing in the peace negotiations between French Indo-China and Thailand, but most informed observers believed the United States would take a "moral stand" in opposition to Japan's acceptance of new military concessions from Indo-China.

Observers believed it was highly unlikely, however, that the United States would initiate any immediate major steps in opposition to Japan because the energies of the United States at present are concentrated on aiding Britain.

Official quarters admitted yesterday that they had not received official confirmation of reports that Japan inserted six secret articles in the armistice agreement she arranged between Indo-China and Thailand last week.

Many observers believed that these reports were highly probable, however. They pointed out that such action would be in accord with Japan's long-standing policy of southward expansion.

If Japan occupies naval and air bases in southern Indo-China, military experts said, she will be in an excellent position for operations against the Netherlands East Indies, Malaya and the Philippines. The Japanese also might be in a position to block any sudden move by the United States toward Singapore, it was said.

Vichy in Background

Some experts believed that the chief purpose of the Japanese move would be to outflank Singapore.

The Vichy Government is not believed to be figuring to any important extent in the peace negotiations between Thailand and Indo-China, officials said. In any event, it was pointed out, the Vichy regime would be powerless to resist Japanese demands.

Informed quarters here anticipate a period of extreme tension in southern Asia for some time to come, and with repercussions possible at any time.—United Press.

Historic Debate on Aid Bill Looms

2-1 Majority in House of Representatives Expected To Vote for Measure

Washington, Feb. 3.

The House of Representatives today will begin an historic debate on the Aid to the Democracies Bill which Administration circles predicted will be adopted by a 2-to-1 majority before the next week-end.

The question of Presidential powers and the problem of American involvement in war loom as the major issues of the forthcoming debate.

Republican minority leaders plan to attack the Administration's bill by proposing a seven point legislative programme also designed to aid Britain, but sharply curtailing the powers which President Roosevelt would be given under the Administration's bill.

The Republican legislative programme includes provision for a US$2,000,000,000 credit to Britain for the purchase of munitions and other war supplies in the United States.

Mr. Sol Bloom, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, announced last night that he would fight to the limit any attempt to "put anything into the bill which will destroy it."

Mr. Joseph Martin, Republic House leader, meanwhile said that a great number of Republicans in the House would vote against the Administration's bill "unless it is amended to restrict the President's powers."

The bill will be debated for three days and then will be ready for amendments. Mr. Bloom predicted that the final vote on the bill would begin in the House by next Saturday noon.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee meanwhile will spend another week conducting hearings on the bill. Persons to testify this week will include the group of prominent Americans, led by Col. Charles Lindbergh, who are opposing the bill. Mr. Alfred M. Landon, unsuccessful Republican Presidential candidate in 1936, is expected to support Col. Lindbergh's testimony.

The Committee today will hear testimony from Mr. Phillip La-Follette, former governor of Wisconsin, and Mr. Norman Thomas, Socialist Party leader.

The Committee will end its hearings a week from today with Mr. Wendell Willkie, who has been summoned back from England, as the star witness for the Administration.

Mr. Willkie is expected to throw his full weight behind President Roosevelt at the final Committee meeting. The Committee is expected to approve of the bill next Monday and send it to the floor of the Senate for debate by the middle of next week.—United Press.

French Navy Seeks Recruits

London, Feb. 3.

An appeal to young Frenchmen to enlist in the French Navy was made this morning by the Lyons Radio. Men were asked to register with the Ministry of Marine at Vichy.—Reuter.

*Japanese Rights in South Seas Claimed

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The "Kokumin Shimbun" suspects that Great Britain and the United States are behind the Netherlands Government, which fled to London, and which last Friday lodged a representation with the Japanese Government through the Dutch Minister General J. C. Pabst, voicing oppostion to the incorporation of the Netherlands East Indies in the proposed sphere of common prosperity of Greater East Asia.

U.S. Challenge Seen

Considered in this light, the "Kokumin Shimbun" brands the Dutch Government's representation as a bold manifestation of the American challenge to Japan.

"Whatever obstruction the United States may resort to the paper declares, "her absolute right of existence dictates to Japan to advance southward: therefore a serious situation might be precipitated by the future attitude of the United States.—Reuter.

N.E.I. Counter Proposals

Batavia, Feb. 3.

Mr. H. J. Van Mook, director of Netherlands East Indies Economic Affairs and head of the Dutch economic delegation negotiating with Japanese delegates, today presented a counter agenda in answer to Japanese proposals. Details of the agenda were not revealed.

Mr. Van Mook, it was recalled, on Janaary 23 commented sharply on assertions of Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, that Japan considered the N.E.I., as part of Japan's "East Asia Co-Prosperity sphere."

The Netherlands East Indies, Mr. Van Mook said at that time, was determined to maintain its complete sovereignty. He also pointed out that 90 per cent. of N.E.I. exports and income were to and from non-East Asiatic countries before the European war and continue to be so.—United Press.

Japanese Flying Boat Grounded

Yokohama, Feb. 3.

A four-motored giant flying boat of Japan Airways which successfully opened a route between Palau and Timor in the South Seas and which made a forced landing on Saturday at Chichijima, an island in the Bonin Archipelago, has notified the Yokohama office of Japan Airways that engine trouble prevented a take-off.—Reuter.

Far East Lines Said Raising Cargo Rates

New York, Feb. 3.

Members of the Far East Shipping Conference, comprising a majority of American and foreign steamship lines operating to New York and other North Atlantic ports, yesterday were reported to have voted a general increase of 25 per cent. in freight rates effective March 1.—United Press.

Men in India Eager To See Action

Applications Pouring in To Officers' Training School

New Delhi, Feb. 3.

Applications are being received from all over India for entry into the recently established Officers' Training School at Mhow where an intensive six months training course is being given.

"During a visit to the school," says Reuter's special correspondent, "I saw raw recruits learning the rudiments of military knowledge and talked with some senior cadets. They were fit and self-confident and eagerly looking forward to the day when they would leave the school and receive commissions.

"The full strength of the school consists of six companies, about 100 each, and it is planned to turn out 1,200 cadets annually.

"They had just returned from tactical exercises, and were all the picture of fitness and were bubbling over with enthusiasm for their new life. They all told me that their main ambition was to go to the Middle East and their only anxiety was that they might be too late.—Reuter.

*British Advance Into Eritrea

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enemy aircraft were observed on the ground at Barce. A number of enemy planes flew over Malta were attacked by British fighters and two Fiat biplane fighters were destroyed.

Operations included a raid on the Albanian port of Valona.—Reuter.

Flank Attack on Barentu

London, Feb. 3.

British forces began a flank attack on Barentu, deep in Eritrea, from the north after the Italians blew up an important bridge in front of Barentu, it was announced here today.

An estimated 7,000 to 11,000 Italian troops were said to be defending Barentu, on which the British pressed large scale operations after capturing Agordat.

The British last night had almost encircled Barentu which now was said to be cut off from all supplies due to the fall of Agordat.

Italians had only one way open to retreat from Barentu, back over a rough, ravine gashed, hilly country which is thick with Abyssinian insurgents, it was said.

Military sources here said it was now possible to see the shape of the British military plan in northern and eastern Africa.

No Escape

The plan apparently was to push one claw of the offensive from Agordat toward Asmara and Darenu, both claws then would be able to close on Asmara.

A third force was said to be pushing the Italians back toward Adowa and a fourth column was said to be moving from the Gondar area to meet the retreating Italians.

Which ever way the Italians turn they will meet advancing British columns and Abyssinian guerrillas, said military authorities.

Military sources estimated an equal number of Italian troops were in Eritrea and Abyssinia—both with their backs to the Red Sea from which there would be no escape.—United Press.

Fire Razes 8 Blocks Of Dumaguete

Hundreds Homeless After Huge Blaze in P.I.

Manila, Feb. 3.

Fire of undetermined origin razed eight blocks in the heart of Dumaguete important port in Negros Province, Philippines this morning, the "Manila Herald" reported. Damage was estimated at 1,000,000 pesos and hundreds of persons were made homeless. Dumaguete authorities have appealed to the Red Cross for help, it was said.—United Press.

*Japanese Try to Burn Pavilion

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an hour to do their job. Examined this morning, the vehicle presented a sorry sight, having been badly damaged. The woodwork and the upholstery of the car, as well as its motor, were destroyed.

According to investigations, the two Japanese hired the taxi from the Taylor Garage in Ezra Road. One of them was carrying a parcel. Inside the car, the passengers told the chauffeur to proceed to a gambling house in Avenue Haig. Reaching the den, the Japanese told the driver to go on. At the corner of Avenue Haig and Route Ferguson, the Japanese asked the driver to lend them the taxi.

When this was refused, one of them pulled out a pistol and ordered the driver to proceed to Great Western Road, where they forced the chauffeur to leave the car. One of them took the driver's place and the car proceeded to the Race Course, entering it by smashing the bamboo fence on the Race Course Road side of the Recreation Ground, half way between Mohawk and Yu Ya Ching Roads.

They then drove toward the pavilion, using the race track for the purpose. Coming behind the speakers' stand, the Japanese tossed a small bottle, with inflammable liquid and a burning fuse at the matshed.

Surprised by the Russians and their vehicle on fire, the Japanese left the car and dashed toward the Bubbling Well Road entrance. Once outside, they stopped another Taylor taxi and fired a shot into the air, although it could not be ascertained whether it was fired to intimidate the chauffeur or to deter any attempt of the Russian sentries to pursue them.

The chauffeur was then ordered to drive on to Yu Yuen Road. Arriving at the railroad crossing, the driver was told to stop. The Japanese jumped out and gave the chauffeur five yen for taking them there.

Driver Reports Case

The taxi driver went to the Bubbling Well police station and reported the case to the detectives. From his report, it was believed that the Japanese were connected with the Japanese forces as the chauffeur of the taxi saw them cross the railroad, approach a Japanese sentry and salute him. The two remained with the sentry for a little while and continued on their way.

The alertness of the Russian sentries was praised yesterday, since but for their fast action, the matshed would have been completely destroyed. Their disregard for danger since they were easy targets for the Japanese bullets was also lauded by the officials of the S.M.P.

Yesterday's attempt to burn the Ratepayers' pavilion was taken as an evident effort of the Japanese to prevent the adjourned meeting from taking place. The meeting, however, will be held tomorrow afternoon. Two platoons of the Russian Auxiliary Detachment will be detailed to guard the speakers' stand from behind, although no trouble is anticipated this time.

It was learned yesterday afternoon that the Shanghai Municipal Council was awaiting a full police report on the attempted arson. Representations to the Japanese authorities would be then made.

Mr. Willkie Tours Bombed Cities

Effects of Indiscriminate Raids Seen by Visitor

London, Feb. 3.

Mr. Wendell Willkie started his tour of bombed provincial cities in England on Sunday with visits to Coventry and Birmingham. He was first conducted through the ruins of Coventry Cathedral by the Bishop and was evidently impressed by the devastation he saw.

At a press conference Mr. Willkie stated the impression formed by his tour of Coventry led him to believe that the destruction described in American newspapers had not been exaggerated. He was greatly impressed by the high moral shown by citizens and had seen no evidence of depressed spirits or of giving up. He regarded the fact that the tower and spire of Coventry Cathedral had escaped destruction as being symbolic.

After his tour of Birmingham Mr. Willkie said he had been impressed by the organization of so-called "shadow" factories. Referring to damage in Birmingham he said he had been surprised at its extent, "but the reconstruction which I have seen put into operation is a perfect example of how a city can recover."

He added that without the moral, courage and steadfastness which he had seen everywhere this reconstruction and recovery could not be done. "I personally hope that America will give you such aid that with such steadfastness and courage you will shortly win through," he said.—Reuter.

Masterly Axis Achievement if U.S. Fights in Pacific, Says Japanese

Admiral Sekine States America Unable to Wage War on Two Fronts; Navy Said Insufficient

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

Declaring that the entry of the United States into the war would be a masterly strategic achievement of the Axis Powers, Rear-Admiral Gumpei Sekine (Retired), former Chief of the now defunct Publicity Bureau of the Navy Office and naval commentator, stated that the United States is in no position to wage a two-front war.

"Japan has no intention whatsoever of forcing war upon the United States, but it would be a masterly strategic achievement on the part of the Axis Powers should the United States unleash war in the Pacific of her own accord," the Admiral declared writing today in the "Hochi Shimbun," Rightist newspaper.

The United States cannot at present extend full aid to Britain and wage war on Japan at the same time, the Japanese commentator said, because, firstly, American industrial power is insufficient, secondly, her naval strength is insufficient, and thirdly, on account of a possible protraction of a war with Japan should it be started now.

American naval strength, Admiral Sekine declared, consisted at present of only 15 battleships, six aircraft carriers, 18 heavy cruisers, 17 light cruisers, 80 destroyers and 34 submarines.

Impossible for U.S.

It would be impossible for the United States to wage war on Japan with such naval strength, which is not much different from Japan's, the article continued.

A war in the Pacific at this juncture would be a protracted affair, as predicted by Admiral Yates Stirling, noted American naval authority, Admiral Sekine said, because the United States' fleet would remain off the western coast of America or would try to enter Singapore by way of Hawaii or Australian waters.

In addition, an outbreak of hostilities in the Pacific would compel the United States to suspend aid to Great Britain, with the result that the latter country would certainly collapse before the German onslaught, while Germany and Italy, not only under the provisions of the tripartite pact but actuated by the necessity of establishing a hold on Latin America, would start an attack on the United States.

Thus, said Admiral Sekine's article, the United States would not be likely to start a war in the Pacific.—Reuter.

Japanese Offensive Spreads To Anhwei Province

Vast Enveloping Movement Reported to Be Encircling Chinese Forces

With Japanese Forces in Central China, Feb. 3.

THE giant Japanese offensive in western Honan Province spread to the adjoining province of Anhwei as the Japanese cordon was extended southward in a vast enveloping movement against the Chungking army under Gen. Ho Chu-kuo, front line reports reaching headquarters here stated.

Simultaneously, Japanese forces based at Kaifeng were reported to have struck in a southwesterly direction straddling the new course of the Yellow River by occupying an island stronghold at Kiangtsuntsi, south of Tungsu.

According to reports, this has created a pocket in which Chinese troops are being mercilessly pounded from the air and by artillery.—Domei.

Foe Said Routed

With Japanese Forces Along Honan-Shansi Border, Feb. 3.

Six hundred Chinese troops belonging to the Eighth Division of the 27th Army were routed on the Tsehchow-Tsinghwachen Highway and are fleeing into the Tahsing mountain region, following an attack by Japanese troops at 1 a.m. on Saturday.

The Chinese unit was part of the force under Gen. Sun Tung-Hsuan stationed in southern Shansi, but was sent to reinforce the Loyang area defence as a result of the Japanese offensive along the Peking-Hankow Railway.—Domei.

Mopping Up

Kaifeng, Feb. 3.

Following the reduction of Kiangtsuntsi, Kaikungkiao and Yuhotsi Honan Province, Japanese forces yesterday commenced operations against remnants of the enemy troops in that region, according to field despatches reaching here.

One Japanese detachment, it was reported, began a bombardment of pill box positions on an islet on the New Yellow River, near Kiangtsuntsi, before dawn yesterday, and after a furious two-hour offensive succeeded in capturing the point.

With the seizure of the islet, the distance between Japanese forces in that region and those advancing northwards along the Peking-Hankow Railway, has been reduced to only six kilometres.—Domei.

Japanese War Chiefs Meet

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

Summoned by the War Minister, Lieut.-Gen. Hideki Tojo, high officers of the Japanese Army, from both at home and in the field, assembled at the War Office at 9.30 a.m. today to open a two day series of extraordinary conferences.

Chiefs of staff of Japanese armies in the field were headed by Lieut.-Gen. Seishiro Itagaki, Chief of Staff of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to China. Chiefs of Staff of the Kwantung Army, the Formosan Army and the Korean Army were present as were high officers at home including Lieut.-Gen. Osamu Tsukada, Assistant Chief of the Army General Staff, and Lieut.-Gen. Korechika Anami, Vice-Minister of War.

The conference, it was revealed, was called to discuss improvement to be made in Army efficiency, improving the quality of effectives, tightening discipline and improving the Army's moral.—Domei.

No Drastic Action In France Seen

Hitler Believed Adamant In Insisting on Return To Cabinet of Laval

Madrid, Feb. 3.

Herr Hitler's reply to Marshal Petain's Christmas message was probably a short letter couched in cold terms, according to Spanish correspondents in Berlin. Wilhelmstrasse circles are apparently extremely noncommittal on the subject but Spanish observers in the German capital seem to agree that Germany does not contemplate any drastic action at least for the present.—Reuter.

Petain Seeks Solution

Vichy, Feb. 3.

Marshal Philippe Petain, Premier of France, yesterday renewed efforts to solve the current crisis in the French Cabinet so as to allow the resumption of collaboration between France and Germany.

Marshal Petain sent Admiral Francois Darlan, French Navy Minister, to Paris to confer with Herr Otto Abetz and other German emissaries regarding the Cabinet crisis in Vichy.

The visit of Admiral Darlan to Paris is expected to settle the question of the return of M. Pierre Laval, former Vice Premier, to the Petain Government. The German Government thus far has insisted that M. Laval be permitted to return to the Vichy regime.

Laval Return Essential

The German-controlled French press in Paris said yesterday that the return of M. Laval to the French Cabinet was a fundamental condition for the resumption of collaboration between Germany and France. Franco-German collaboration has been disrupted since December 13 when Marshal Petain ousted M. Laval from the Vichy Government.

With Admiral Darlan's departure for Paris, the dangerous crisis in Franco-German relations reached its climax with a move one way or the other expected within 24 hours.

France's future now hangs on Marshal Petain's reply to Chancellor Adolf Hitler's firm insistance that M. Laval be reinstated in the Vichy Cabinet.

The official German news agency, DNB, said in a despatch from Geneva yesterday that Admiral Darlan was seeking "initiative conversations" in Paris, but that Paris quarters "consider the time for conversations inopportune until Vichy gains a clear recognition of the present situation."

The German report appeared to indicate that unless Admiral Darlan is prepared to submit fully to Chancellor Hitler's demands, the deadlock in Franco-German relations will continue.—United Press

Armed Robbers Net Over $40,000

Smartly Dressed Gang of Chinese Enter Transport Company Office

A haul of over $40,000 was made by a band of four armed robbers yesterday afternoon from the Puh Yih Transportation Co., at 53 Foochow Road. The gangsters were in such a hurry to get away from the office, where they intimidated fifteen occupants, that they overlooked a bundle of notes amounting to some $7,000, which was lying in an open safe. One of the men picked up an overcoat belonging to an employee and took it with him, there being nearly $100 in a pocket.

The robbery took place at 4.15 p.m. the gang going up to the first floor of the building and entering the office of the company. Fifteen employees, who were at work in one of the rooms, were intimidated, and huddled together in a corner. There were two safes in the office, one containing Shanghai dollars, and the other Yen. The former was lying open when the men entered, and two promptly started to empty it, taking $34,200. Another $7,000 was lying in the back of the safe and was overlooked by the thugs. Meanwhile other members of the gang picked up the keys to a second safe from a desk, and emptied it of Y. 4,818.

On the way out a robber picked up an overcoat belonging to one of the staff, and put it over his arm. The money, which was all in notes, was stuffed into an attaché case lying on a desk. The whole affair was over in less than five minutes, the men making good their escape before the occupants could gather their wits sufficiently to raise an alarm. A police party attended a few minutes after the alarm was raised but could find no trace of the criminals.

The Chinese were dressed smartly in foreign-style clothes, and appeared to be of the upper class. They spoke Shanghai dialect. Two are known to have been armed with pistols.

Salvation Army Appeal

Donations received over the week-end by the Salvation Army in its campaign for $175,000, swelled the total to more than $40,000, it was announced yesterday by Brigadier B. Morris, director of the campaign and commanding officer of the Army in this area. A handsome donation of $1,000 came from the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptists.

Donations should be sent to Army Headquarters, Sassoon Arcade, 40 Nanking Road.

The new list of donations follows:—

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Japanese Army May Be Wholly Reorganized

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

In order to meet added responsibilities due to the current international situation, the Army must enhance its standard of efficiency, Gen. Hideki Tojo, War Minister, declared in a brief speech at the opening of the two-day extraordinary conference of Army Chiefs of Staff.

Emphasizing the importance of improving the Army's efficiency in every field, War Minister Tojo predicted that a complete reorganization of the Imperial Army may be necessary for the purpose of enhancing its standard of efficiency.—Domei.

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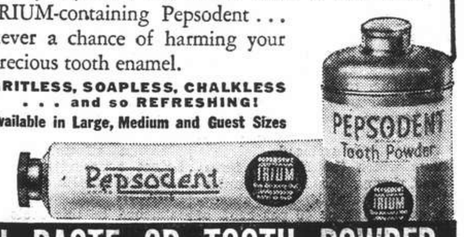

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Special Ratepayers Meeting To Re-assemble Tomorrow

Poll to Be Taken on Mr. Hayashi's Amendment to Resolution for Surcharge on Rates and Land Tax

RAIN or shine the adjourned special meeting of Ratepayers which was rudely interrupted on January 23, following a shooting outrage resulting in the wounding of Mr. W. J. Keswick, Chairman of the Municipal Council, will be re-assembled at 2.30 p.m. sharp tomorrow at the public stand of the Race Course. A resolution of the Council proposed by Mr. Keswick, seconded by Mr. J. W. Carney, an American councillor, will be moved to levy a 40 per cent. surcharge on Land Tax, Municipal and Special Rates and generally to increase licence fees in the International Settlement.

The first business before the meeting tomorrow when a good attendance is ensured will be the taking of a poll, which had been demanded by a qualified voter prior to the adjournment on January 23, on the amendment to the Council's resolution proposed by Mr. Y. Hayashi and seconded by Mr. C. Fukuda opposing the Council's proposal. Mr. Hayashi in the meanwhile is being held by the Japanese authorities in connection with the shooting.

The following tellers have been appointed to conduct the count of the poll and any other necessary poll: Messrs. W. A. Adams, J. A. Anderson, W. A. Anderson, Shugo Ban, E. S. Barraclough, H. Berents, F. L. Brinkman, A. Brondal, P. H. Dunbar, A. E. Fenton, Chev. Uff, C. Fumagalli, A. J. Hickmott, Teizo Horiba, J. M. Hykes, N. E. Kent, Kiyoshi Kobayashi, P. F. Kops, C. C. Lacy, G. E. Marden, Shigeo Miyoshi, S. Okajima and C. C. Whitehead.

Traffic Arrangements

The following traffic arrangements have been made by the Council in connection with the meeting: Motor-cars belonging to the general public will enter the Recreation Ground by the Loong Fei Gate, and turn right on to the Training Course. Cars will be parked under the direction of the police on duty at the section of the Training Course east of the paddock entrance under the Mafoos stand.

Members of the public attending the meeting are particularly requested not to set down on Bubbling Well Road at the main entrance to the Race Club. Drivers are requested when parking on the Training Track to exercise care not to collide with the Track Railings. Official cars bearing yellow "S.P." windscreen notices will enter the Paddock by the Archway on Mohawk Road and park under the direction of the police on duty.

At the conclusion of the meeting, cars will leave by the gateway on Bubbling Well Road nearest to Mohawk Road, and by the archway on Mohawk Road as directed by the police.

Procedure for Voters

The following procedures are to be observed by voters in registering their votes in a poll:

Under the authorized Rules of Procedure for Ratepayers' Meetings, a Poll of votes may at any time be demanded by a ratepayer who is himself the possessor of more than one vote. Upon such a demand for a Poll being made, it is the duty of the Chairman of the meeting to grant the demand, and to appoint persons called "Tellers" to count the votes "for" and "against."

The taking of a Poll means a count of the varying numbers of votes held by the persons voting as shown on their voting tickets. It does not mean a count of the number of persons who vote. For example, in a Poll, a person who holds say three votes, as shown on his voting ticket, counts for three "for" or "against" and not only one "for" or "against".

Voters must be careful to know exactly what proposition it is in respect of which they have been called upon to vote. That is, they must be careful to know whether the vote they have been called upon to make (i.e., a vote "for" or "against") is in respect of (1) an original resolution; or (2) an amendment, or (3) an original resolution as amended.

To assist a voter to record his vote or votes in a Poll, the Chairman of the meeting will address the ratepayers explaining the procedure to be followed, which procedure is set out hereunder.

Please keep your seats until advised by the Chairman of the meeting that the Tellers are ready to make the count.

The Tellers will count the number of votes as shown on the voting ticket which you are to present for their scrutiny.

Your voting ticket will be handed back to you immediately after it has been scrutinized by the Tellers and before you move away from the Tellers' table into the voting enclosure.

Signs for Tellers' Tables

You will see in front of you signs indicating the Tellers' tables at which your votes are to be recorded. To each side of the platform there are 6 tables. Please record your votes at one of the 6 tables in the voting enclosure nearest to where you are sitting. You will notice that of the 6 tables nearest to you, 3 are marked "for" and 3 "against". If you wish to vote "for" the particular proposition which is up for decision, you will please go to and present your voting ticket at any one of the 3 tables nearest to you marked "for". If you wish to vote "against" the particular proposition which is up for decision, you will please go to and present your voting ticket at any one of the 3 tables nearest to you marked "against."

After you have presented your voting ticket at the Tellers' table, please see that your ticket is handed back to you before you leave the table. When your ticket has been handed back to you, please walk straight through into and stand in the voting enclosure as far away as possible from the tables. Please remain in the voting enclosure until the Chairman of the meeting asks you to leave, which will not be until all the Tellers have made their returns to the Chairman of the meeting and he has totalled the count and is ready to announce the result to you.

When the Chairman of the meeting ready to receive your voting ticket, please have the ticket ready in your hand before you reach the Tellers' table. Please make sure you get your voting ticket back before you leave the Tellers' table and be careful to keep your ticket until the meeting is over, since there may be occasion for another Poll.

After you have been requested so to do by the Chairman, please proceed to the Tellers' table nearest to you at which you wish to vote. Please file in slowly one by one past the tables and do not rush.

Please remain in the voting enclosure until the Chairman of the meeting asks you to resume your seat.

The Chairman of the meeting will not ask you to leave the voting enclosure to resume your seat until the Tellers' returns of the count have been presented to him and until he has totalled those returns and is ready to announce the result of the voting. After you have been asked by the Chairman of the meeting to do so and have resumed your seats, the Chairman of the meeting will announce the result of the voting.

Please keep your voting ticket until the meeting is over."

Briton Remanded On Gaming Charges

To Furnish Two Sureties Of $1,000 Each; Evidence Of Accomplices

W. Hawkins, an elderly Briton, was remanded until this morning by Mr. C. H. Haines, the Registrar, in H.M. Police Court yesterday on two charges of unlawfully using premises occupied by him at 204 Seymour Road and three rooms in the Burlington Hotel for gambling. Defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges which were brought under the Gaming Houses Act of 1854 (4), and was allowed bail in two sureties of $1,000 each.

On the first charge defendant is alleged to have used the address on Seymour Road occupied by him for gambling between November 23, and December 2, last year, and on the second charge it is alleged that the offence was committed on various dates between January 13, and 15, last. Defendant assented to a summary trial.

Mr. P. Watkin Williams, prosecuting for the Municipal Police, in outlining the case for the prosecution said that on January 24, Detective Inspector R. M. Moir and Sergeant Gill of Central Station, and several other police officers went to the Burlington Hotel after interviewing the manager, and examined a storeroom where they unearthed a quantity of gambling paraphernalia including a "wheel" and several thousand chips. As a result of subsequent enquiries sixteen Chinese were arrested, of whom fourteen are awaiting trial before the First Special District Court where they are on remand.

Counsel indicated that he would call the majority of the Chinese mentioned to testify, including one Ning Kwan-yuan. Counsel told the court that business at the Seymour Road address did not flourish and it was later transferred to the new address which forms the subject of the second charge.

Evidence of Accomplices

Mr. Watkin Williams then dealt with the question of the value of the evidence of accomplices which, he conceded, might be to some degree "suspect" and juries are invariably warned in such cases of the danger of convicting purely on such evidence. The testimony of another accomplice is not corroboration, he said, of the evidence of a first accomplice, but nevertheless it was quite clear that corroboration would not be required. It was simply a question to be borne in mind, he added, of the danger of convicting a person without it.

Continuing, counsel said enquiries into the case had not yet been fully completed and full corroboration of the case for the prosecution might be forthcoming. At this juncture counsel said he would put in as evidence a card found in the home of Ning Kwan-yuan bearing the name of the defendant and address. He applied for a short remand until today for the completion of enquiries by the police which was granted, following the hearing of evidence of arrest.

Detective Inspector R. M. Moir of Central Station in charge of the case was then called. At 12.15 a.m. on Sunday he related, he went with Detective Sergeant Gill and others to 4/382 Rue Bourgeat with the assistance of the French Police and executed a warrant for the defendant. Witness said he read the warrant to defendant and cautioned him in the usual way and defendant had nothing to say, observing "I do not see why I was arrested."

In reply to defendant's enquiry as to whether he could furnish cash Mr. Haines pointed out that he would have to produce two sureties from reputable subjects to ensure his appearance in court again. Hawkins then pointed out that in the short time since his arrest he had been unable to communicate with his friends. Mr. Haines informed him that the police would assist him in every way to get into touch with them.

Ste. Marie's Hospital Employees Still Out

Labour Situation Better; Social Committee Acts

The labour front, with the exception of the strike at Ste. Marie's Hospital and the dispute at the Tu San Wei Orphanage in Siccawei, was quiet yesterday, no further troubles being anticipated.

The disagreement at Ste. Marie's Hospital entered its second month and continued to remain unsettled. The strikers, all of whom are Catholics, are reported to have sent a telegram to Pope Pius XII asking him to uphold justice, according to local Chinese papers. It is also reported that the strikers have established a temporary office in Siccawei.

The strike at the Tu San Wei Orphanage, which was settled on January 25, broke out again when the management dismissed several scores of workers, claiming it to be an economy step. When the workers heard this, they sent a representative to the management for explanation. No settlement, however, could be reached.

Meanwhile, the Shanghai Branch of the Social Movement Direction Committee issued a notification prohibiting instigation of labour disputes. All the disputes, according to the notification, will in future be referred to the authorities concerned. Whether this will help to regulate future strikes, however, remains to be seen.

Many Freeze to Death in Peiping

Peiping, Feb. 2.

Although this winter has been unusually mild in Peiping, a sudden cold wave swept over the city a few days ago, causing the temperature to plummet down, says the "Sin Min Pao."

As in previous years, the cold wave has taken a heavy toll of lives among the beggar classes, local police authorities reporting that on one night alone twenty persons were found dead on the streets.—Havas.

B.R.A. Stamp Sale On Feb. 12

Wide Variety of Issues Offered; Many Valuable Sets to Be Auctioned

Many stamps of outstanding value will be offered for sale at the next auction to be held by the philatelic sub-committee of the B. R. A. in aid of the Voluntary War Contribution Fund on February 12. This auction, which will be the third, includes a much more valuable collection than either of the two previous sales, and it is hoped that the proceeds will total over $10.000.

The stamps have been sent to the committee following appeals by the B. R. A. for used and unused issues for the auctions, and it is emphasized that the forthcoming sale will be one of the most attractive ever to have been held in Shanghai. Stamps lovers are offered a wide variety, including stamps from Ceylon, China, Hongkong and Newfoundland, many rareties among them.

Following the first two auctions, which resulted in the raising of $4.700 for the War Fund, the Philatelic Sub-Committee concentrated its energies on the preparation of a third sale, and the forthcoming auction is the result of that. It will be held in the rooms of the Shanghai Philatelic Society, in the Arnhold Building, 320 Szechuen Road, at 5.30 p.m. on February 12.

Catalogue Value

The majority of the stamps to be auctioned have come from one donor, their catalogue value being nearly £430. Although reserve prices have been placed on many of the issues, amounting roughly to one-quarter of the catalogue, it is stressed that the total proceeds of the sale will go to the War Fund, and not only price over and above the reserve.

Mr. Calder, who conducted the auctions on the previous occasions, will again be the autioneer. The total number of stamps to be sold will be 933, the total reserves placed being $5.055. The stamps will be on view in Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, on Nanking Road, on various days preceeding the sale, when booked bids can be made by those unable to attend the actual sale.

The most valuable single set on sale is an 1863-66 Ceylon issue, the 1d and 6d being used and the 4d and 5d, unused, the 5d being very slightly damaged. The catalogue price of this set is £42. 2. 0. A reserve of $500 has been set on this lot. Next in value is a stamp of the U. S. Post Offices In China of 1919, bearing a double surcharge of $2 on $1. The catalogue price is £33, and a reserve of $750 has been placed on it.

Rare French Stamp

A very rare stamp offered is a 1901 provisional issue of the French Offices in China at Peking, being a 4 cent on a 25 cent. Its price is £10, a reserve of $170 being placed. Another interesting stamp is a Chinese issue of 1897, with the surcharge of 10 cents on 9 cents inverted. The catalogue value of this is £4. 5. 0. A complete set of the first airmail issue in China is also on sale, consisting of 5 stamps. It is interesting to note that this is the only airmail issue in China in which the aeroplane has a five barred design on its tail. Subsequent issues had a national flag in place of this.

Some very fine early Newfoundland stamps are among the later lots in the auction. The first stamp ever issued in Newfoundland, the 1857 penny, together with two other stamps of the set, the 3d and the 8d, all mint issues with full margins, come in this category. The value of these stamps is greatly increased by the fact that they have wide margins, these early issues being unperforated.

Irate C.G.O.C. Fitters Attack Watchman

A near-riot occurred at the China General Omnibus Company park in Connaught Road shortly after 4 p.m. yesterday when a crowd of fitters attacked a Chinese watchman. The arrival of the police, however, put an end to it.

According to an eye-witness, the fracas started when the fitters became angered at the watchman's action in reporting two of their number, found in possession of certain stolen articles, to the management. The two were arrested by the police.

A third man was also implicated in the theft, it appears, and when the watchman threatened to report him, the fitters got angry and attacked him. Apart from a few minor bruises, the watchman was unhurt.

K.D.S. Appeal Reaches Half Needed Total

Important Charity Work Must Be Carried On

The King's Daughters' Golden Jubilee Appeal has now entered on its fourth week, and so far half the amount aimed for has been obtained, the total to date being $25,636.84.

The Society asks the Shanghai public to help to their uttermost this effort, to bring in a sufficient income to carry on the work during 1941.

The King's Daughters' Society looks after indigent foreigners of every nationality and has the especial care of those, who for one reason or another, have lost their claim to a foreign passport. These folk have nobody else to appeal to save the King's Daughters' Society and the Salvation Army.

During the month of January the Society has contributed to the support of 60 families of six nationalities and educated 27 children of five nationalities. Besides this, the District Nurse has visited 281 houses and has had 131 people attending at the Society's clinic.

Annual Jewish Refugee Committee Report

Record Number of Persons Cared for by Society

The annual report of the Committee for the Assistance of European Jewish Refugees indicates that another year of humanitarian work has been performed in helping Jews who were forced to leave their homes and seek refuge in Shanghai. It is pointed out that 1940 was a particularly hard year on account of the abnormal rise in prices. It was only by the enforcement of the strictest economy that the Society was able to carry on its work of supporting over 13,000 persons.

Numerous local appeals did not provide sufficient funds for the care of these people, and it was only by the contributions of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee that the work was able to be carried on. The problem of obtaining foodstuffs was particularly difficult, due to prevailing conditions in the city.

The total expenditure of the society during the year came to $3,256,419, most of which was spent on obtaining provisions for the refugees. The total number of persons assisted was 13,447. Record numbers of Jews were treated in the various medical centres operated by the society, nearly 2,000 patients being taken into the three hospitals.

Sequel to Gambling Raid

Another sequel to the recent number of descents made by the gambling squad of the Municipal police on gambling establishments in the Settlement was heard in the First Special District Court here yesterday when nine Chinese arrested in a sixth den to be raided were remanded on a charge of being concerned in running a gambling house.

It was stated that the resort which operated on the first floor of 982 Avenue Foch was registered in the name of J. M. Botelho, a Portuguese. Mr. Wellington F. S. Fang, Assistant Municipal Advocate, said that the resort was a combined gambling and opium den where a considerable quantity of gambling paraphernalia including roulette wheels and opium pipes were unearthed by the Police when they raided the place on Saturday.

Mr. Ralph Ingersoll, the American editor who has been urging Britain to adopt more modern methods in "putting over" her cause, has had an unusual career. Trained as a mining engineer, he had some exciting experiences while prospecting in Mexico. That gave him a taste for pen and ink, and he became a reporter in New York. Then he bought an aeroplane, and attracted attention by doing all kinds of daring acrobatics before he had taken his pilot's certificate. From reporting he passed to the control of those well-known periodicals, the "New Yorker" and "Time," and he helped to float "Life." Now, at the age of 40, he runs an evening paper of his own, which consists mostly of pictures and carries no advertising.

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An XCDN Personality

In charge of the Woman's Hour on Station XCDN is a personality eminently suited to the various interests embraced by this programme. Energetic, vivacious Mrs. A. J. Evans knows what her listeners enjoy, knows what she, herself, likes and amused her audience immensely the other day by suddenly interrupting some music to say, "I don't like the way this ends—let's have something else." And off came that record. Dance music, for instance, is taboo on her hour; she prefers a short story, a chat on gardening, or discussion of a topical subject and with her wide connections, experiences little difficulty in obtaining interesting material for her audience. Every Tuesday at ten minutes to four there is Mr. W. J. Kerr's talk on gardening; on Wednesday a short story is included; on Thursdays Stella Alexander chooses a definite subject on which to speak and on Fridays there is usually a B.B.C. recorded talk by some famous personality.

Shanghai Women Aid Free French

Notes on Activities of "Croix de Lorraine" Fund

(CONTRIBUTED)

The heroic struggle of General de Gaulle and his loyal army to free France from the enemy invaders is echoed throughout the Far East in the patriotic activities of the Free French and their sympathizers. Gathered together under the ancient banner of La Croix de Lorraine, a symbol famous in France since the days of Joan of Arc and now proudly borne aloft by those fighting for the integrity of France, the Free French are waging war with every weapon they possess.

As their motto they have chosen the three words "France Quand Même," ("France For Ever") and from Shanghai to Bombay, small gilt badges in red, white and blue, emblazoned with these words which may some day be as well known as the old cry "Vive la France," are worn by the followers of General de Gaulle.

The whole world knows today of the dramatic answer of General de Gaulle's appeal from London for men and supplies to carry on the resistance against Germany. From every corner of the French Empire, the able-bodied French youth answered the call to arms, money and supplies found their way to the war chest. In no other city has the response been more encouraging than in Shanghai.

As soon as the armistice was announced, a telegram was sent from this city by the Association des Anciens Combattants of the French Government expressing the veterans' desire to continue the war. When the Government at Vichy decided to lay down their arms, a great many of the French citizens here joined the de Gaulle movement.

In today's world, war is not a matter for the men to carry on by themselves, and so, under the leadership of a Frenchwoman, Mrs. W. Leonard, a ladies' committee was formed in Shanghai which took for its title "La Croix de Lorraine."

The fund "La Croix de Lorraine" was only started five months ago, and since that time the activities of the Committee have been many. A dinner dance, personally sponsored by Mrs. Leonard, was held a few weeks ago, the results of which were over $6 000. The de Gaulle Free French forces stationed in London received 3.000 knitted garments and 200,000 cigarettes through the work of the Shanghai Committee and in addition, $1.000 was remitted for the Christmas Fund.

The de Gaulle movement is rapidly gaining in strength. Mrs. Leonard described it as "a strong chain getting a new link forged in it each day," and added that "the women's organization in China must keep busy to supply comforts for each recruit."

Three of the active members of the Committee were American women, including Mrs. Hollis Arnold, the treasurer, who has since been evacuated. Mrs. Arnold's place has been taken by Mrs. Eric Petersen.

B. W. A.

Tuesday, Feb. 4.—Membership Committee 5.30 p.m. at 677 Rue Bourgeat.
Wednesday, Feb. 5.—Red Cross Work 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. War Work Knitting 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 6.—Musical and Dramatic Section Concert at 5.30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7.—Home and Garden Section Annual Meeting at 72 Rue Paul Legendre at 10 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8.—Badminton. War Work Knitting 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

The Annual General Meeting of the Home and Garden Section will be held on Friday, February 7, at Mrs. Mitchell's house, 72 Route Paul Legendre, at 10 a.m. After the business meeting there will be a sale of seedlings, lettuce, and the Section's home-made marmalade and jams.

The Sports Section will hold its annual General Meeting on Monday, February 10, at Headquarters. The meeting will commence at 5.30 p.m. and it is hoped members will do their best to attend.

Attractive Concert

The Musical and Dramatic Section hope that as many possible will make a point of being present on February 6 at the "Young People's Concert" commencing sharp at 5.30 p.m. Admission $1. Tickets from the Secretary's office.

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Miss Zika Goldberg
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(b) Il Bacio .....Arditi
Miss Lily Abramovitch
Accompanist Mrs. Tsiroulsky
Play .....Alice.. in Wonderland
by
Pupils of Cathedral Girls School under the direction of Miss Symons.

Coming Events

On February 10 the Annual Meeting of the Section will be at 10 a.m. in the Board Room and it is particularly requested all members will be present, the annual report of the annual report of the Section's work will be read, and the treasurer's statement given.

Any suggestions will be gladly received by the Committee for the improvement of he Section and their work at this meeting.

Chairmen of Sections are reminded that a date should be set for their Annual Meetings as soon as possible.

There will be a bridge and mahjongg tea at Headquarters on Thursday, February 13, starting at 3 p.m. Tables are $8 and may be booked with the Secretary.

A badminton tournament is being arranged for Friday, February 7, commencing at 2 p.m. Will those members desirous of taking part give their names to the Secretary or any member of the committee.

The Sports Section Annual General Meeting is scheduled to held at Headquarters on Monday, February 10, at 5.30 p.m. It is hoped members will make a special effort to attend.

Bridge and Mahjongg Section

It has been suggested that a Bridge and Mahjongg Section be formed, to enlist members who would be interested in booking tables for either bridge or mahjongg every month.

The two games will not be played on the same day. There will be a limited number of tables upstairs only, and a buffet tea will be served in the Board Room. If the idea is welcomed, a committee will be formed to arrange all details. The idea is to make these afternoons congenial and attractive. If you are interested will you send in your name.

"Comforts" Appreciated

A very interesting news letter has been received from the Depot for Knitted Garments for Royal Navy, 97 Eaton Square, London, in which the Chairman and Committee thank the senders of garments, and donations too, from all over the world; it contains also a special word of appreciation for Shanghai, for the work sent in.

The letter, which is from Lady Pound, is addressed to all sub-depots and work parties, and amongst some very interesting details of the work which is being done everywhere, there is a most important paragraph which is of direct concern to the knitters of Shanghai, for it tells us exactly what is required for the coming year.

To use Lady Pound's own words, "Our greatest need is for pullovers with long sleeves and polo collars, sea-boot stockings of oiled wool and gloves with fingers, but we really do not want any more scarves, mittens or helmets; having already a surplus of these three last mentioned articles."

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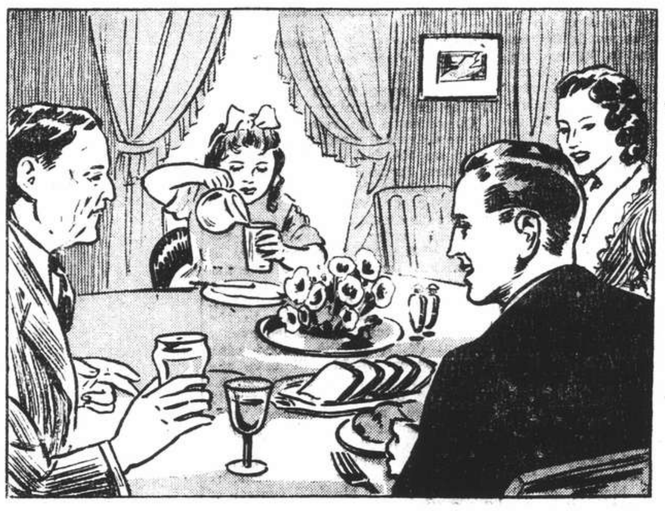

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S.M.C. Finance:

Three Suggested Remedies

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In view of the frequent correspondence in your valued paper on the subject of the proposed increase and surcharges in license and other taxes, it would perhaps serve some purpose in recalling that in the last Four Year War Shanghai was almost untouched by the ravages. Why? Because, first of all, the Chinese currency was on a sounder basis than it is now. And then, though commodity prices rose phenomenally in the so-called gold currency countries, China was, in fact, prospering because this country's money was on a hard tangible basis and this acted as a cushion; for the price of silver, in following commodity, rose as well. Behold the Shanghai Bund skyline!

Today we don't possess that cushion and we are walking on a tight-rope of the present rate of exchange, with all the terrible uncertainties in prospect. Now, alas, sufficient is known to repudiate whatever panygyrics the sponsors of managed currency may break into concerning the merit of paper. For we are rather left with a void feeling that we have been duped and gypped whenever we recall the jingle of the silver that used to be and might have been.

However, I should not worry over it for the time being, but the childish fancy that is shown by some mature mortals in thinking that higher taxations will dispel the present H. C. L. riddle and gloom beggars description. Does it not dawn on them that prices of things will keep step for step with such new impositions?

There are three remedies singly or severally which, however unsavoury to some people, may yet stop the situation from deteriorating further. Roughly:

1. Increase in wharfage dues.
2. To float a temporary loan either in sterling or in U.S. dollars at 4 per cent. to be guaranteed by the British and U.S. Governments. At least out of the loudly trumpeted exchange stabilization fund.
3. Raise the exchange value of the dollar to 6 or 7d.

It can be fairly said that we are not as short of fuel, foodstuffs, cotton goods, etc., as some would have us believe, in spite of the extraneous military interference with their flow into this city. Actually there is far more profiteering on a big scale than meets the eye, but it can hardly be detected if everyone, rather than cast about for some remedy, only looks forward to increases and surcharges.

Meanwhile the gap has widened to such an extent that whatever is done in the direction of increasing taxes and wages pours through faster than they can be effected without much good. It practically dooms the outlook altogether. Shanghai it must be admitted is facing the worst crisis of its history and any further inflationary tactics should not be countenanced if we are to be successful in stopping the rot now and save the poor that are with us. Booming shares and commodity prices cannot be of much good to anyone if such false foundations are allowed to remain. In this instance the disinterested view is the right one.

POSTSCRIPT.

Shanghai, Feb. 3.

A Meeting Wanted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Although I cannot agree with ANCIENT BRITON's suggestion that gambling be made a means of obtaining revenue by the Council, I should be pleased to meet both him and ALPHA at any time to talk over the question of taxation. If he will telephone me any morning between 9 and 10 o'clock, we can arrange a meeting. The number is 21681.

W.H.H.K.

Shanghai, Feb. 3.

Some Pertinent Questions

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It is very satisfactory to observe the interest that is now being taken, as judged by the many letters to your paper, in the subject of S.M.C. finances. That this is all for the good of the taxpaying community cannot be disputed because the Council's present policy appears to be devoid of realism, narrow in its outlook and improvident in the extreme.

At the adjourned extraordinary meeting of ratepayers the Chairman of Council was at pains to explain the workings and findings of its special Economy Committee and that because the Council had adopted the majority of those findings, it was incumbent upon the taxpayers to meet their obligations arising therefrom. Such an argument is typically that of a local authority, in that it exudes an air of finality as well as confining itself entirely to the present and avoiding any reference whatsoever to the future. The present state of affairs of this city neither permits of payers of Municipal rates, taxes, licenses, etc., accepting the Council's views as final, nor of letting the future take care of itself, because probably the greatest worry of the local taxpayer today is not what he now has to pay in taxes, but what he may have to pay at the end of this year or at the end of next year.

It is imperative that the taxpayer should address to himself certain questions, and probably the first would be, are the present members of the Council truly representative of Shanghai's taxpayers. What would be found? Firstly, that they are all gentlemen of substantial incomes who seldom if ever have to pause and consider whether they can afford the normal necessaries of life, as so many other men have to do. Secondly, that almost without exception they represent, not vested but rather what may be called foreign currency interests. Businesses where the income is primarily in Sterling, U.S., Hongkong and Straits dollars and their association with the local dollar is merely incidental to exchange fluctuations. For persons whose minds dwell so greatly on foreign currencies and all that such mental processes imply, is it possible for them to think exclusively in terms of the local dollar and could they visualize for example a man with a fixed monthly income of CN$1,000 attempting to budget for, say the ordinary needs of himself, wife and two school-going children? It is indeed doubtful if they could, and yet how many of the taxpayers (indirect as well as direct) are men of such income or less?

The next question the taxpayer must address to himself is whether he is satisfied with the workings and findings of the Council's Economy Committee and its sub-committee. In their workings have those Committees explored all channels not only by which increased taxes can be garnered, but also by which the very limit of economy can be obtained? For example, after having recommended such a great increase in Council employees' wages, did they think of further economizing on staff by the simple expedient of increasing the Council's working hours to seven per week-day; say 8.30 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Such hours would still be less than those worked by the employees of municipalities in the majority of world cities. Again, did the two committees see the wood for the trees in some of their investigations? They were laudatory in their praise of the way economies had been effected by the Commissioner of Public Works, but did they think of splitting up that department into two separate units, a highways and sewage division and a buildings and maintenance division, each to be in charge of the present two fully-qualified deputy commissioners and thereby dispense with the services of the present highly-salaried Commissioner? Further, when making their recommendatons did it occur to the Economy Committee just how impossible it would be to collect taxes and licenses from the recommended sources should the whole China Coast as far as Singapore be totally blockaded? Or did they think of putting the present situation clearly before the many pension-drawing ex-employees, such as for example the six or more ex-Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of Police and saying that a voluntary surrender of part of their pensions would go a long way to help the Council tide over its present financially embarrassed position, whereas to endeavour to maintain the full payment of such pensions might contribute greatly towards the Council going bankrupt, when there would be no pensions for anybody?

These are but a few random thoughts on what might be done to achieve further economies, and as not one has so far appeared in any of the reports of the Economy Committee, and as there may be many similar ones in the minds of your readers, which also have not been mentioned in the said reports, must not the whole body of tax and license payers ask themselves if they are satisfied with the workings and findings of the Committee? It must be remembered, and this is important, that the Committee was a Council-appointed one and not, as it undoubtedly should have been, one appointed by the ratepayers themselves. A further question is whether the members of the Committee are also truly representative of the great majority to tax and license payers or whether they are not gentlemen with views and outlook too similar to those of the Council members themselves.

The answers to these questions lie in the hands of tax and license payers themselves, albeit possibly with the active co-operation of those voting ratepayers who think along the same lines. They must all bestir themselves, to see to it that the ordinary man-in-the-street payer of taxes and licenses, who forms the majority of such, shall be adequately represented. This can only be achieved at election time in April. In the meantime it is suggested that a committee be formed that is truly representative of all the various nationals who constitute the tax and license payers of this Settlement. Each national group should nominate one member and his nomination should be by a majority vote of the taxpayers in his own group and not by a Consular or similar recommendation. A Committee so constituted would command respect equally from the Council and the whole body of taxpayers and could advise both bodies on matters of great local interest.

HUNGJAO.

Shanghai, Feb. 3.

What Do Japanese Pay?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Your correspondents, discussing S.M.C. surcharges, etc., have put forward very good arguments which should be given every consideration and attention by the Council, but there are some things which must not be lost sight of:—

The outcome of a ratepayers' meeting or a Council election is no longer based on the fact that the majority of voters, irrespective of nationality, would endorse the most constructive arguments or vote for the most suitable candidates. The average non-Japanese voter is uncomfortably aware of the fact that the issues of paramount importance are whether he can still bear a heavier taxation burden or submit to Japanese control. In the first case, it is up to the Council to spread the burden evenly without delay; in the second case, the taxpayer would still have the burden but would assuredly be deprived of the strength to bear it. There are many Japanese who secretly cherish democratic principles, but what can they do against the higher power that forces the Japanese vote to become an instrument by which to obtain absolute control of the Settlement.

The use of the Japanese language in addition to English has rightly been advocated, but do not let this be used as an excuse for the behaviour of the Japanese voters after the attempted assassination of MR. KESWICK; the murderous act was portrayed before the eyes of all, no word was needed to describe it, nothing excuses it. Also, up to the time of the shooting, speeches had been made in Japanese and English and it only remained for MR. HAYASHI to request a translation of MR. KESWICK's speech.

We have been duly notified of the increase in the number of Japanese taxpayers, but we are not aware of the amount or percentage of taxes they pay. Their buses pay no Settlement license fees, neither do their army trucks, but ratepayers south of the Creek must pay for all road repairs. What municipal tax, for example, does the big new bus garage at the corner of Kungping Road, near Wayside, pay? Did their bus company pay import duties on their new fleet of buses from Japan? On the other hand, the taxpayer south of the Creek must pay high Customs duties on the balance of the necessaries of life which are not already taxed by the authorities in power around the Settlement; not only that, but all goods manufactured in Settlement mills and factories can only be sent to consumers elsewhere in China after payments of very heavy fees, all of which is to the detriment of non-Japanese. Who gets the millions collected by the Customs? As the Settlement is cut off from China proper, why should we pay such duties, or, alternatively, why are they not collected at points where foreign imports pass beyond the Settlement? Customs duties are direct Government taxes, and part of these duties should be allocated to the government of Shanghai until normal conditions prevail again.

The root of all our troubles lies here, its growth is fostered by those who would secure control of the most attractive part of the Settlement without resort to force, and the best councillors in the world cannot fight it until some radical change takes place. In the meantime, you non-Japanese voters, stand by the Council as it now stands; and you, Councillors,

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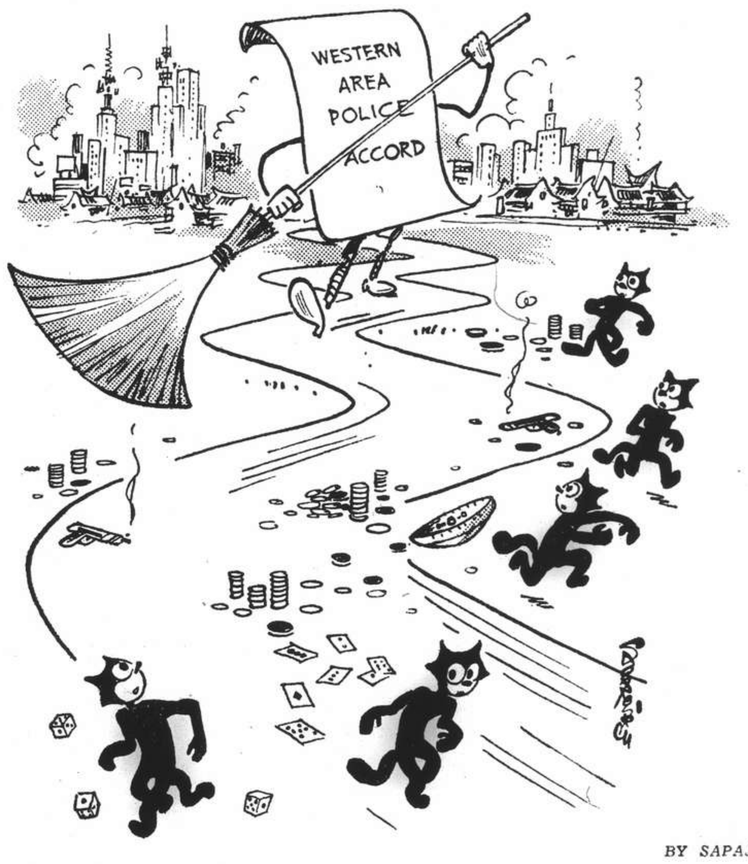

BY SAPAJOU

Now a Bit of Mopping-up?

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF FEBRUARY 4, 1871

We notice that the Cross Road is being extended across the Sinza Road, straight through the fields, into the road leading to Alpha farm. This will be a great improvement on the awkward angular course which the road now takes. It would have been made to bear more towards Messrs. Miller and Batt's bungalow; but we believe there was difficulty in the way of acquiring the land in that direction.

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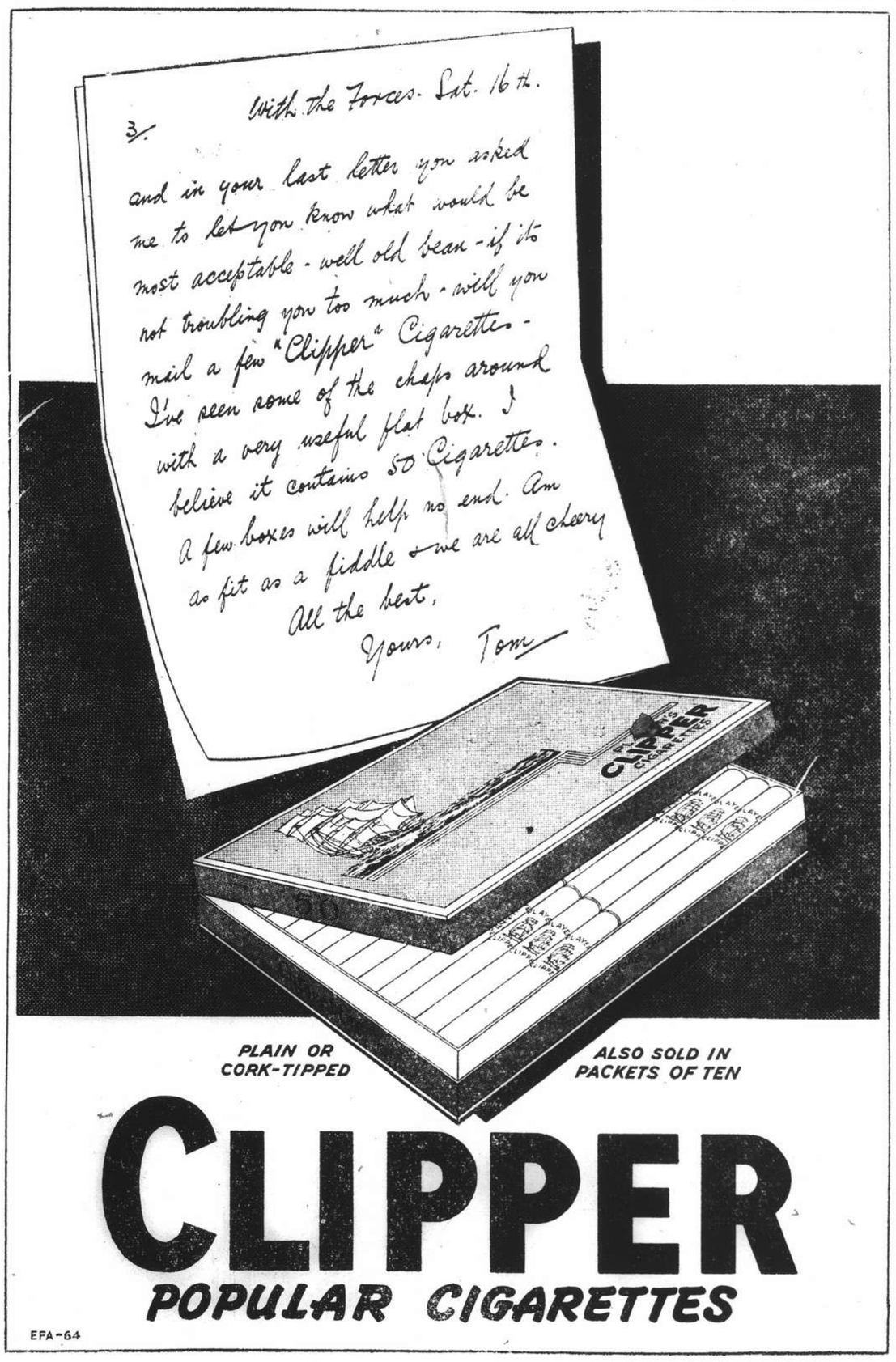

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TOMORROW'S MEETING

It is to be hoped that the adjourned special meeting of ratepayers which will be resumed tomorrow at the Race Course will be fully attended, despite the reported intention of the Japanese not to be present. A full attendance of ratepayers of other nationalities will serve as a demonstration of solidarity and give full authority to the decisions which have still to be made, and it is for precisely that reason that it is urged upon all ratepayers to make a special point of being present. The decision of the Japanese to stay away is to be greatly regretted for a large number of reasons not the least being that it is highly desirable that in an international city such as Shanghai all communities should take their part in its administration. What is wholly undesirable is that the business of the International Settlement should be obstructed by displays of narrow nationalism, and it is an unhappy fact that such a trend is being manifested, and emphasized by this decision of the Japanese community. When the harmonious manner in which the various foreign communities in Shanghai have lived together, in times of stress as in times of peace, is remembered the tendency to make national issues of purely municipal affairs cannot but be deplored. The history of the International Settlement has shown in the past that while there have been disputes over municipal affairs it has always been possible to avert open differences between the various nationalities living here. Given goodwill there is no reason why that happy practice should not continue. It can continue provided all realize that cooperation must be mutual, and that to consideration of municipal problems must be brought a determination to deliberate upon what is best for the Settlement as a whole in as dispassionate a manner as possible. The present position of the municipality is wholly unprecedented, and this is no time for any one community to seek to impose what it conceives to be the only remedy over the wishes of the majority.

The issue was placed fairly and squarely before the ratepayers by Mr. W. J. Keswick in his reply to Mr. Hayashi's speech, in which he asked for rejection of the Japanese contention to the effect that "the municipal deficit should be met temporarily by a loan and that the obligation be liquidated at a later date by a fair distribution of the load under the revised equitable taxation system." Mr. Keswick's remarks on that point were very apt:—

"No one here is, I suppose, so foolish as to imagine that the Council has not given thought to alternative ways and means of raising revenue. A Sub-Committee of the Economy Committee specifically devoted to studying sources of revenue has already presented an interim report and is still sitting. Should that Committee bring before the Council through the Economy Committee any practicable suggestions for raising further revenues, such suggestions will, of course, be studied and the Council will not only consider their soundness but take legal advice as to whether they can be enforced. It is unnecessary for me to point out to you how dangerous it would be for the Council to base its budget on sources of revenue which might prove to be legally unenforceable. Of course, new sources of revenue would be welcome to your Council, and of course new sources of taxation could be made available by a revision of the Land Regulations. No intelligent ratepayer here will need to have explained to him the political difficulties of securing a revision of the Land Regulations at this present time.

"No one regrets more than your Council the necessity of asking you to increase the burden of General Municipal Rate and Land Tax at this time when all your financial burdens are being increased. Let me, however, ask you to examine the position fairly and squarely with yourselves. Ask yourselves the question whether the burden of Municipal taxation is one of those burdens which weigh most heavily upon you. In my belief the answer of the great majority of you will be "No." If you delay paying the bill now, there will be a far heavier bill to pay when you meet again. Already exchange has again fallen. We can none of us forecast with any certainty the future.

The outstanding point is that if there is delay in paying the bill now it will become far heavier in the future, and to endeavour to buy off trouble by temporary loans is no proper method of endeavouring to solve the Settlement's difficulties.

Parenthetically it may be remarked that it is difficult to see how such loans could be raised without that additional revenue upon which they would have to be secured, and from that point of view the Japanese amendment puts the cart before the horse. But it is not necessary here to review all the arguments which have been put forward by either side. It is, however, desired to emphasize that at the adjourned meeting the Japanese present, with the exception of a small rowdy element, took no part in the demonstration, and gave every appearance of accepting the decision of the meeting in a dignified and sportsmanlike attitude. It is to that element in the Japanese community that the rest of Shanghai must look for that cooperation which is so imperatively necessary if the good government of the Settlement is to continue. The idea that there must always be a perpetual opposition on the part of one community to the proposals of the others, and that opposition be of a purely unreasoning national character, should not be entertained for one moment. The prosperity of Shanghai is something desired just as much by the Japanese as those others with whom unfortunately they do not at the moment see eye to eye. Upon that prosperity depends the happiness and well-being of every resident in Shanghai. It will not be secured by the creation and maintenance of schisms, but by a real desire to get to the root of the problems of Shanghai for the purpose of solving them in a purely amicable spirit. That should not be impossible. But it will need a greater degree of cooperation than is at present being manifested. What appears to be necessary is that the leaders of the various communities in Shanghai should get together with the idea of endeavouring to adjust existing differences and to arrive at a better all round understanding. It would be a hideous thing if the future of this great city were to be marred by the behaviour of a small group of irresponsibles, and Shanghai's leaders owe it to themselves and their fellow residents to see that their collective knowledge shall be used for the purpose of directing the affairs of the International Settlement along lines calculated to contribute to the successful future of the city.

NEWS SOURCES

There can be few persons in the world of today who do not wish that their news came to them from different sources than it does. The light sleeper who is awakened before the sun's rays have done more than enpurple the skies and is roused out of his slumbers by the early crowing of the cock—a witless bird, anyway, and one regarded by those who favour their morning tea at seven o'clock or even later as having been unnecessarily cracked up by poets and philosophers of both eastern and western hemispheres as Chanticleer—regrets that there should exist no later and more harmonious announcer of the coming of another day. While those whose debts to Morpheus are not so easily repaid, curse silently at the police dog which is let out of his dwelling too soon after Chanticleer has shattered the peace of night, and which barks its joy at having at last been freed from the doors and windows which kept it from the throats of the robbers and other denizens of darkness it has been convinced were prowling about all night with evil designs against its master's silverware and crockery. Chanticleer and the lively dog are both sources of news. Both murder sleep and do, therefore, in the individual newspapers which are the doings of every man day by day, really make the front page. But neither is wholly welcome. They are nevertheless direct evidences of something which has occurred and must be noted as such in even the most conservative of news-sheets.

Not everything which appears in the news-sheets of this day and age is as well authenticated. Yesterday this journal was able to publish a dispatch from the "Sunday Express" of London which said that a sudden move by the Germans to overrun the whole of France in order to threaten Britain in the western Mediterranean was reported by that paper's New York correspondent, who quoted Vichy dispatches which had been reproduced in a Stockholm paper. To get news of what was going on in France, just across the English Channel, an English newspaper had to quote New York reporting from Stockholm what was likely to happen just round the corner. That is to say that the news had to travel half way round the globe before it reached the London paper in which it saw the light of day, and from London to travel the other halfway round the globe to reach Shanghai where it received the prominence it deserved. It should not be forgotten that the reports of Allied victories in Norway came from Stockholm, apparently next door to the scene of operations, and yet they proved false. From Belgrade comes news of major disturbances in northern Italy, and in some sources they are just as suspect as those which came previously out of Stockholm. There seems to be no way of getting really authenticated news from the sources most likely to give it out, except in the Democratic countries.

Most of the belligerents confine their news to communiqués which deny what other belligerents have claimed. Such and such a city has been heavily bombed and great damage has been done to military objectives. This is interpreted by the other side as damage to a cow, a rabbit, or church, and a hospital. No one knows what to believe. A notable exception are the British communiqués which, while laying emphasis upon the destruction of schools and churches, never say that no other damage whatever was done. It is possible in their case to read between the lines, that considerable other destruction also occurred. Not so the Axis. With them it would seem that the braying of Balaam's ass is too often confused with that which comes straight from the horse's mouth.

Spring Has Come

The Chinese, like Western nations, divide the year into four seasons, called *Ssu chi*, as follows:

Chun (Spring) commencing	.. ..	Feb. 4
Hsia (Summer) commencing	.. ..	May 4
Ch'iu (Autumn) commencing	.. ..	Aug. 4
Tung (Winter) commencing	.. ..	Nov. 4

Spring commences to-day. In the days of the Emperors this ceremony (*Li Chun*) was observed throughout China and dates back to remote times. It inculcated the useful lessons of natural equality and mutual dependance of all classes of the population on each other, and was at one and the same time the foundation and coping of the Chinese system of government. Every year on February 4 (when the sun is passing through Aquarius), the ceremony of inaugurating spring was performed in every one of the 1,300 *Fu*, *Chou* and *Hsiens* throughout the Chinese Empire. Preparations having been made on the day preceding, everything was ready by a certain hour for the officials to appear clad in their official robes; they were carried in procession in open chairs headed by bands of musicians, accompanied by many persons carrying banners, and well-dressed boys and girls on special stands, all gorgeously decorated. The magistrates on passing out of the city gates were saluted with three guns. After taking a turn in the fields outside the city in or near the Temple of the God of Agriculture, they returned and reported themselves to their superiors as having conducted the arrival of the new season, spring. The following day, long before daylight, the officials were out again to the Temple of the God of Agriculture or Divine Husbandman, where a young bullock yoked to a plough was brought along, the owner generally handing it to the magistrate, who ploughed several furrows and then sowed seed. This was all done in official hats and embroidered robes. Tea and plain cakes were then served to the magistrate and his attendants as refreshment after labour; a reward was given to the peasant who conducted the bullock, and the animal itself was usually bought and slain for a sacrifice to Confucius. Many farmers made it a point of breaking ground on the same day, and great rejoicings were manifested through the length and breadth of the land.

ALONG THE HIGHWAYS

Feb. 1.—A glass-enclosed verandah, facing south, may not be one of the best places in the house to rest in during the Summer; but it is a most useful place during the Winter, especially on sunny days like those we are now enjoying. We were in one today: it was comfortably warm, even with a few windows open. It was used as a conservatory and we were amazed to find so many interesting plants in the place: it was a real Winter garden. Sweet peas, growing in very shallow pans were producing an abundance of bloom; the plants were growing in about six inches of soil. Geraniums were very conspicuous as they always are, while many plants of the Transvaal Daisy (*Gerbera jamesonii*) were noticed sending forth their handsome orange-red flowers. A few plants of *Solanum Capsicastrum*, that native of Brazil that helps us with our Christmas decorations, were still looking most attractive with their scarlet berries. Poinsettias were also in evidence and another member of the same family, the Crown of Thorns (*Euphorbia splendens*) was keeping the plants company. This plant, with its thick stems covered with stout spines, is a native of Madagascar and it flowers the whole year round: the two red bracts surrounding the flowers are most striking even if the plants themselves have not many admirers. There were a few Camellias to be seen and also some ornamental cabbages. We also noticed calla lilies, various begonias and some beautiful azaleas in flower: several plants of the spineless flat-stemmed cacti (*Epiphyllum*) in full flower, were hanging from the roof, while a fine specimen Opuntia was in a prominent place on the floor: this member of the cacti family is liked for its unique appearance: but its spines and bristles render it difficult to handle. There were carnations in flower in pots and what we thought the most beautiful plant of all—a brick-red bougainvillea. This plant is probably *Bougainvillea spectabilis* var. *lateritia*; it was in full "bloom" and it is one of the most showy bougainvilleas we have ever seen.—W.J.K.

YOUR VOICE YOUR FRIEND

Enthusiasm and Cheerfulness Factors

Do you know that your voice can be your best friend—or your worst enemy? It is specially important today, when competition is so keen in every line, that you have a good voice. For your voice, as well as your facial expression, reflects your disposition and your mood. Someone has said: "Your expression is the best thing you wear," therefore your voice should express the disposition you wish to show to the world, writes Loraine Osborne in "Your Life," New York.

Do you know that a grouch usually has a harsh voice, and that the nagging woman's tones will be high and shrill? Tragically enough you will be remembered by the tone of your voice long after your looks and appearance are forgotten. "Oh, my voice is all right," you say. "I've had it all my life and no one has ever said anything about it." That is precisely the point. Possibly your friends did not dare tell you, any more than they would criticize your dress, that they did not care for your voice. It just "isn't done." But that does not mean that your voice could not be improved.

Most of us were born with good voices, but in the process of growing up and going through the adolescent period, something happened. Either we screamed at a football match when we had a cold, or tried to talk above the roar of the underground train, or read aloud to grandpa when we were tired. All of these things can be injurious to a delicate throat mechanism. Only by consciously treating our vocal chords as carefully as we do the rest of our body can we make our voice a "thing of beauty and a joy forever."

If you smile when you speak, your voice will naturally have a cheerful tone. Enthusiasm and cheerfulness are the two most important factors that we should cultivate in our speech. Let your voice have a happy lilt. For instance, when you have been laughing and chatting as you answered the telephone, the person at the other end can easily detect the pleasure in your voice—may even remark that you seem to be happy. Then, too, when you are sad or if you have just quarrelled with someone this is quite readily indicated by your tone as well.

Overcoming Embarrassment

Have you ever found, in an unusual or embarrassing situation, that your voice seemed to go funny—that strange sounds came from your throat? Singers, speakers and actors know that when they want to overcome stage fright they must take a deep breath in order to calm their nerves. When you want a rise and are afraid to tackle the boss, or when you are going to apply for a new job, or even when you are going to ask the "one and only" to marry you, you can best meet these situations by a cool calm exterior.

In all nervousness the tendency is to breathe quickly. This means that the breath comes from the upper chest. To get the proper breath control, plant your feet firmly on the floor. Then breathe deeply. If your ribs expand, you are filling the lower part of your lungs, as well as the upper part, with air. Breathing deeply will control your nerves as nothing else will. The next time you are faced with a nerve-racking situation try this deep breathing. Don't speak for a minute. Take your time and see if this does not have a calming effect upon you.

This is an excellent start in gaining poise, for the poised person will be calm on all occasions where the self-conscious and jittery individual will show his lack of control. Self-consciousness will seem to take our breath away and make our voices indistinct.

Here is a simple breathing exercise that has helped hundreds of people. When walking along the street, take four steps inhaling deeply and four steps exhaling. As you inhale, feel your waist and your ribs expanding; then, when the air is exhaled, it is as if a balloon had collapsed. Breathe in through your nose and out through your mouth. This will tire you at first, so don't overdo. Take only a normal breath. If four is too much to count, start with two and work up to four. Don't try to walk for a mile that way. Try only a few feet at a time. When you feel equal to it you may work up to longer distances. But never overdo.

If you naturally have a pleasing voice, make it cheerful and it will be better still. If your voice is harsh, relax and calm yourself. When you want to give your voice confidence, square your shoulders, hold your chin up, look every one directly in the eye, and *take a deep breath* before you start to speak. Every one can use deep breathing for health and for the background of a good tone. Do your best to make your voice attractive for by your voice you are known.

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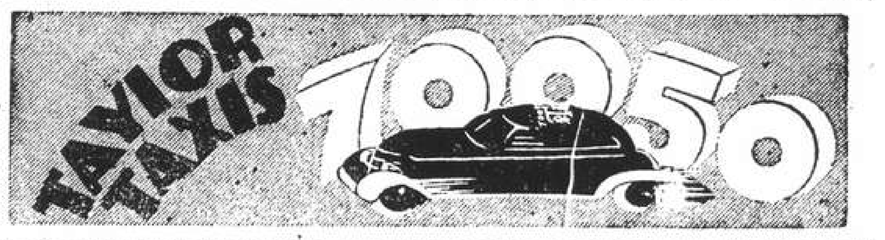

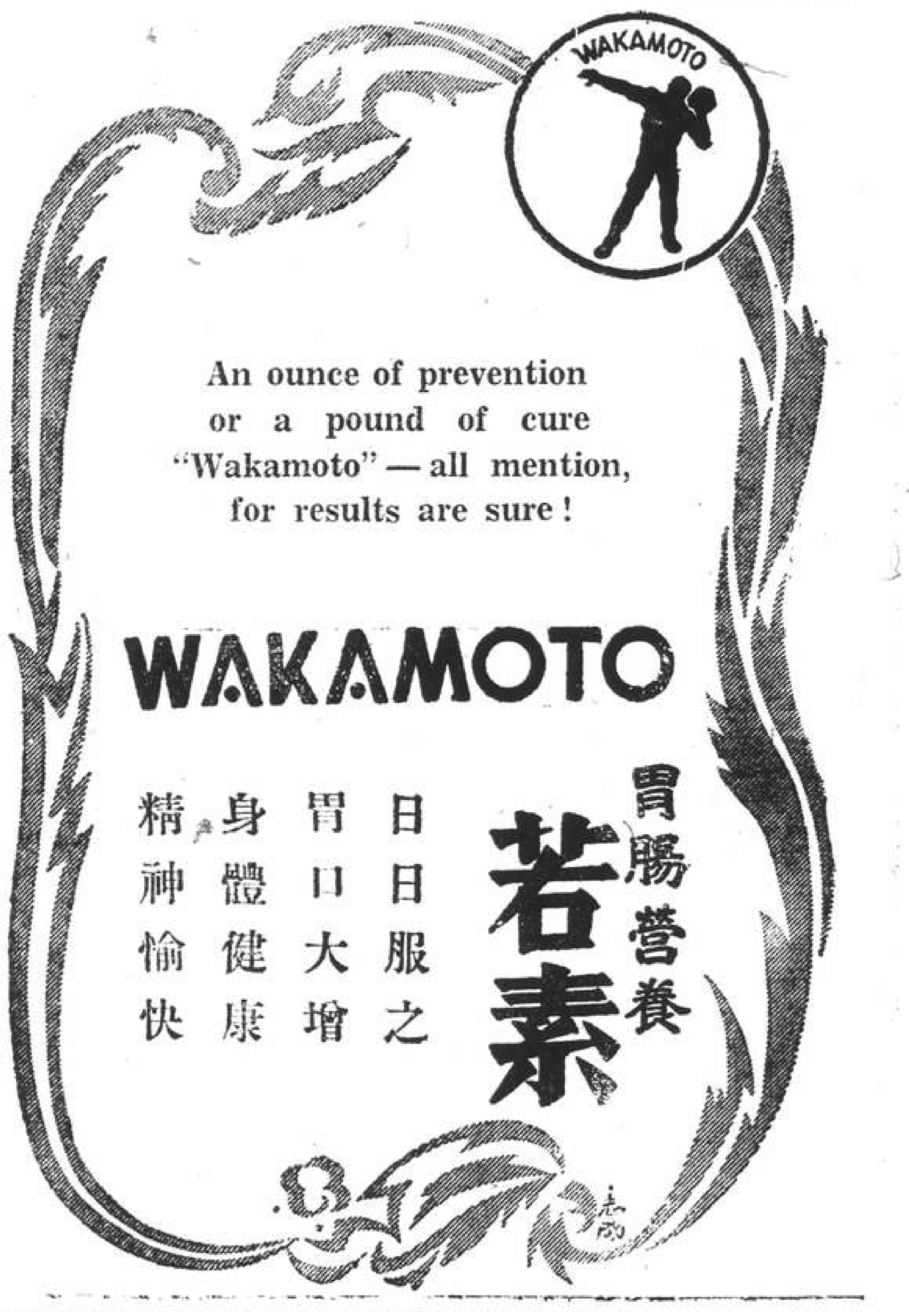

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C	423	RIDING HOME (Slow-fox) / WE WILL MEET AGAIN (Fox-trot) — Mantovani and his Tipica Orchestra
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C	425	MY CAPRI SERENADE (Fox-trot) / IN AN OLD DUTCH GARDEN (Fox-trot) — Carroll Gibbons and Savoy Orpheans
C	426	FOOLS RUSH IN (Fox-trot) / ROBINSON CRUSOE ISLAND (Fox-trot) — Sydney Lipton and his Orchestra
C	427	THE DANCE OF THE BLUE DANUBE (Fox-trot) / FIGARO (Fox-trot) — Horace Heidt and his Musical Knights
C	428	MARICRUZ (Paso-doble) / ROSIO (Paso-doble) — Orchestre Manolo Bel et Ses Muchachos
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C	7099	VOUS ETES JOLIE (in French) / BOUM!!! (Vocal) — Charles Trenet
C	7100	GONE WITH WHAT WIND (Fox-trot) / TILL TOM SPECIAL (Fox-trot) — Benny Goodman and his Orchestra
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THE SPORTS PAGE

Spirited Contests in Shanghai Ladies' Badminton League

Cercle Sportif Francais "A" Team Continue to Lead Division, Winning from C.C.C. "B," 9-0

THE Shanghai Badminton Ladies' Doubles League found keenly spirited contests last night, witnessed by friends and fans and portends much for the future of the sport here. As is characteristic of Shanghai sport, both winners and loser played with vim and vigour, fighting for each point. As a result all were vitally contested and speak well for the splendid spirit of contestants.

The "A" aggregation of the Cercle Sportif Francais continued to lead the division when they strengthened their hold on the title by scoring a shut-out triumph at the expense of the Country Club "B," winning by the maximum score, 9-0. The winners were not hard pressed to win the first two matches by taking all three sets and were given three valuable points when the Country Club third-stringers conceded a walk-over in the third.

Meanwhile, on the French Club courts, the "B" team of the C.S.F. were trounced by Country Club "A" by the rather one-sided count of seven games to two. Though the visitors triumphed by apparently uneven scores there were several sustained rallies which made most of the games quite interesting from both the spectators and competitors point of view.

Mrs. Cate and Miss Tavares, representing the first couple of the C.S.F. "A," were in finest fettle yesterday evening and wrought havoc with Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Maclagan who were outplayed in all departments of the game. The accurate drop-shots, though freguently and brilliantly retrieved by the losing pair, Mrs. Cate and Miss Tavares, played an important part in their success as it soon had a telling effect on their rivals. Their deep placements were also effectively exploited as it forced weak returns which were quickly put away.

Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Maclagan started off rather strong in the opening set and for a moment appeared that they might upset the winners but when the French Club pair hit their stride in the next game there was no doubt regarding the latter's superiority which saw them through to a 3-15 win.

Stronger Opposition

The Country Club's second couple, (Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Beething) provided slightly stronger opposition than their lead-off pair and gave Mrs. Jorgensen and Mrs. Richards a stiffer battle than was expected. The winners, however, managed to emerge victorious in all three sets. Neither side appeared to be at their best in the opening game and points were often given rather than earned. The last two frames saw far better engagements in which the losing side made desperate but unavailing efforts to avert defeat.

Though the scores appear to be uneven in the C.S.F. "B" tussle against the Country Club "A" the actual run of the play in all three matches were far closer than the scores would indicate. Mrs. Burton and Miss Holwill were unquestionably the stronger couple in their match against Mrs. Trolle and Miss Sharp but the latter two put up a gallant fight which through sheer determination resulted in several prolonged exchanges, but which invariably saw the Country Club pair coming through on top. The losers could not maintain the fast pace in which the opening game was played and did not provide strong opposition in the last two sets.

Opponents Subdued

Mrs. Adamson and Mrs. Mirams proved to be too good for Mrs. Popple and Miss Rudge and after meeting with mild opposition in the first game in which they subdued their opponents by 15-8, they waded right through to win in fairly easy style by the scores of 7-15 and 4-15. The winners displayed better understanding to cover the court more completely while the losers were often caught entirely out of position with the shuttle well out of their reach.

The closest match of the evening was seen when Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Flood engaged Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Jolly to a grim struggle before routing them to give the Country Club their two points. After taking the first game in convincing style, outplacing and out-smashing their rivals, they suddenly fell away to an inglorious collapse in the next game to lose overwhelmingly by 4-15. Fortunately for them, they were able to regain their form in the next game when they made a brilliant come back to win 15-12 after an extremely close set in which the scores were tied more than once.

Complete Results

The detailed scores follows:—

COUNTRY CLUB "B" 0, C.S.F. "A" 9

Mrs. Hall and Mrs. MacTagan lost to Mrs. Cate and Miss Tavares—9-15, 3-15, 9-15.

Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Beeching lost to Mrs. Jorgensen and Mrs. Richards—8-15, 10-15 9-15.

C.S.F. "B" 2, COUNTRY CLUB "A" 7

Mrs. Trolle and Miss Sharp lost to Mrs. Burton and Miss Holwill—8-15, 6-15, 4-15.

Mrs. Popple and Miss Rudge lost to Mrs. Adamson and Mrs. Mirams—8-15, 7-15, 4-15.

Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Flood beat Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Jolly—15-8, 4-15, 15-12.

Marine Officers Yet Contenders

By Beating Whites Meet China Stars Basketball Team for Championship

The Marine Officers retained their unbroken chain of triumphs last night when they defeated the Marine Whites, 47-27, in one of the City Invitation Basketball League games at the Foreign "Y." In the other two games, the Marine Reds beat the "Y" Giants, 23-22, and Liang Chi defeated Paramount, 30-26.

Had the Marine Whites beaten the Marine Officers yesterday, the China Stars, contenders for league honours this year, would have taken the undisputed lead in the league and pulled the Officers into a tie for second place with the Whites.

As it is, the Marine Officers are now neck to neck with the China Stars for the League Championship which will be decided Wednesday, February 12, when the two meet and conclude league competition.

Last night's game saw Mann, playing centre for the Officers, garner the most points, scoring 13. The Officers led throughout ending the first half, 28-14, and concluding the second half by 19-13 to bring the count to 47-27.

Reds Win by Single Point

A close and exciting game was seen between the Marine Reds and the "Y" Giants when the former triumphed by the narrow count of one point, 23-22. The game was not an even one in the first half when the Imca team was leading 14-6. The second half saw the Marine "pulling up their socks" and breaking away to trounce their opponents, 17-8. This rally in the second half gave the Leathernecks their victory which was well deserved in view of the game they put up.

Last game of the evening between the Liang Chi team and the Paramount, last year's champions, resulted in a victory for the former by the convincing margin of 30-26.

Meanwhile play will continue tomorrow when the "Y" Cubs and the China Star, and the Shanghai Bank and the Marine Reds will meet at 7.15 and 8.15 p.m. respectively.

Detailed Results

The box scores follow:—

MARINE OFFICERS

	fg.	ft.	pf.	pts.
Simpson, f.	2	1	0	5
Davis, f.	2	0	2	4
Ruge, f.	5	1	1	11
Mann, c.	6	1	1	13
Penick, g.	0	0	0	0
Stokes, g.	1	0	4	2
Honsowetz, g.	5	2	3	12
McCaffrey, g.	0	0	0	0
	21	5	11	47

MARINE WHITES

Hinkle, f.	0	1	1	1
Meighan, f.	2	4	4	8
Jenkins, f.	4	0	1	8
Pack, c.	0	0	3	0
Birch, g.	2	0	3	4
Smith, g.	0	0	0	0
Waddell, g.	1	0	0	2
Dingwall, g.	1	0	3	2
Mudry, g.	1	0	1	2
	11	5	16	27

MARINE REDS

Vidal, f.	3	0	4	6
Tierney, f.	0	2	1	2
Grunwuld, f.	0	0	0	0
Lee, f.	0	1	2	1
Klusendorf, c.	4	0	0	8
Rice, c.	0	0	0	0
Nicolai, g.	1	2	0	4
Shaull, g.	0	0	0	0
Basiel, g.	1	0	2	2
	9	5	9	23

"Y" GIANTS

Yaron, f.	1	1	0	3
T. Soskin, f.	1	0	1	2
Jorgensen, f.	0	0	0	0
Vernick, c.	2	0	0	4
N. Soskin, g.	2	0	0	4
Smith, g.	1	1	2	3
Kazimiroff, g.	1	2	0	4
	7	8	5	22

Basketball League for Service-men

Winter Wind-Up League Opening Tonight

The Annual Winter Wind-up Basketball League of the Navy Y.M.C.A. will open this evening at the Navy "Y" floor when two games will be played off. The winners of the competition will be awarded the American Legion Shield it was announced. The trophy was first put up for competition last year.

The first game of the evening and commencing at exactly 6 p.m., will see the combined H and E Companies playing the combined F and Headquarters 2nd basketballers. In the second and final game of the evening, the combined A and D players will meet the combined B and Headquarters players.

Five teams have entered into the competition which is expected to be extremely close this year. Last year it was the H and E Company which won the shield and the combined "H" company this year is expected to repeat the victory.

Meanwhile, according to the rules announced, no players competing in the present City Invitation Basketball League current at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. will be allowed to take part in the competition at the Navy Y.

This is in order to give the lesser players a chance to show their skill; as the stars of the Marine Corps in Shanghai are now participating in the Invitation League.

At the same time, Unit or Company identification of players will be according to table of organization as of the date the League starts. Men are eligible to play only on the team with whom they are identified when they play in their first game.

Shanghai Golf Club

The February Monthly Cup of the Shanghai Golf Club, in both "A" and "B" classes, was played for, over Saturday and Sunday at Seekingjao.

The weather was again ideal for golf, and quite a number of players returned good cards.

The results follow:—

"A" CLASS

A. Pratt	83	8	75
W. M. Chalmers	87	10	77
H. H. Cameron	90	12	78
T. S. M. Terrace	84	5	79

"B" CLASS

B. W. Smith	86	14	72
B. S. Jenkins	93	20	73
W. A. Hathaway	91	16	75
A. L. Piper	93	16	77
W. J. Brown	95	18	77

JANUARY MONTHLY BOGEY

"B" CLASS

P. Isherwood	Two down
D. C. Berger	Three down
A. D. Denton	Four down

LADIES SECTION

Mrs. J. M. Pearson	Seven down

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

American Troop Point-to-Point

The cameraman by "digging" himself into the ditch managed to get this very fine picture of a splendid jump on Sunday—Tpr. A. V. Striker, who won, jumping his beautiful mount, Petrushka.

International Cup Semi-finals To Be Played This Week-end

Portugal and France Meet China and Palestine in Crucial Games; Full Programme Released

THE International Cup semi-finals will hold the spotlight during the coming week-end and should produce their quota of thrills. On Sunday morning, China and Portugal, arch-rivals for the much-coveted trophy, will meet at the Canidrome in what should be the best International Cup match so far.

These two teams have in past invariably met each other, either in the semi-finals or finals. Portugal, last year's winners, have a good chance to win the trophy for the third time in succession as a win over China will most probably give them a victory over the winners of the Palestine-France match.

The Portuguese may be forced to field a reshuffled team as Oliveira, Favacho and Marcal were injured on Saturday in the Lusitano's game against A.S.F. Should these three players remain on the absent list, chances are that China will pass into the final. In addition to the Lusitano players, Portugal will most probably field Roliz and Victal of the S.M.P.

China will rely mostly on the Tung Hwa outfit, the only probable addition being K. S. Suen of the Three Cultures. Tung Hwa has had quite a few setbacks in the past few weeks and this factor strengthens the hopes of the Portuguese to garner the cup once again.

France's First Bid

The other semi-final will be between Palestine and France, the latter playing for the first time this season, having received a bye in the first round. The former beat Russia in the initial round, but their chances of humbling France are smaller, since the latter will have quite the strongest defence in Shanghai, with five of the players from the A.S.F. and the sixth from the French Forces. Premet, Collet, Roussel, Segalen and Pecquery will most probably play in their usual positions, with Dinh of the French Forces the most probably candidate for the left half. The French forward line will be the weakest link, there being only Bossuet from the First Division. Other probable players may include Richard of the reserve A.S.F. side, and Kuinker, Heloyan and LeBras from the French Forces.

Palestine, in addition to players from the J.R.C. side, will have Meyer Greenberg from the S.F.X. and Sammy Greenberg from the S.M.P. Ikey Dobrenky and George Greenberg, who played in the cup game against Russia, will probably be dropped and Kramer and Defris substituted.

S.F.X. Swan Song

On Saturday there will only be one First Division match and in this one the S.F.X. will bid farewell to the League for the current season. In their last match of the season, the Saints will play P.T.H. and one may safely say that they will win the game. The P.T.H. boys have lost the services of Donia Novgorodoff, who is now playing for the Police, and although Nesvadba plays a serviceable game, his standard is below that of Novgorodoff's. Nevertheless, the P.T.H. beat Three Cultures when everybody thought that the Chinese would triumph to pass into the semi-finals of the Skottowe Cup, and they may yet surprise the Saints. But if they do, it will be the first time that they do in the Senior Division.

In the Second Division, the 4th "A" Marine team will encounter Parks at the Kiaochow Park and a win for the Leathernecks is not improbable as the park-keepers are last in their division, while the Marines have improved tremendously in the past weeks.

Third Division Matches

There will be three Third Division engagements on Saturday and in these Judeans will meet J.A.C., Wha Lien will play Aurora and 4th "B" will try their luck against Hotspurs.

In addition to the International games on Sunday, four junior matches will be played on that day. In the Second Division, the Russian Regiment will tackle Three Cultures and a win for the ex-soldiers will place them next to the French Forces at the head of the division. The Chinese, however, should manage to defeat their opponents. In the other match in that division, the Russian Athletic Association will meet Unison Football Club, with the Russians favoured to score a narrow victory.

The Xaverians, leaders of the Third Division, are scheduled to play their last match of the season when they meet Y.T.T. at the Kiaochow Park on Sunday afternoon, while Old Westonians, who have yet to taste bitter sweets of defeat, will take on the Cathay Laundry at the Race Course. Both Xaverians and the Old Westonians are picked to win their games.

Week-end Programme

The full programme for the week-end follows. Unless otherwise specified, all the games will start at 3 p.m.

SATURDAY

1st Division:—S.F.X. *v.* P.T.H., R.G. 2.
2nd Division:—4th "A" *v.* Parks, Kiaochow Park.
3rd Division:—Judeans *v.* J.A.C., R.G. 5; Wha Lien *v.* Aurora, Aurora; 4th "B" *v.* Hotspurs, R.G. 1.

SUNDAY

International Cup semi-finals:—China *v.* Portugal, Canidrome, 10.30 a.m.; Palestine *v.* France, R.G. 2, 2.30 p.m.
2nd Division:—Russian Regiment *v.* Three Cultures, Kiaochow Park; Unison F.C. *v.* Russian A.A., Aurora.
3rd Division:—Cathay Laundry *v.* Old Westonians, R.G. 1; Y.T.T. *v.* Xaverians, Kiaochow Park, 1.30 p.m.

Today's Ten Pin Schedule

Men's "A" Division

*U.S.M.C. *v.* Y.M.C.A.
C.C.C. *v.* S. Race Club

"B"—Maple

*"Y" Luckies *v.* U.S.M.C. Reds
S. Race Club *v.* C.C.C. Bears
American Club *v.* Marine Officers

"B"—Pine

Swiss Club *v.* U.S.M.C. Greens
C.C.C. Bulls *v.* "Y" Flukes
*U.S.M.C. Blues *v.* U.S.M.C. Whites.
*Games start at 9 p.m. All other fixtures start at 6.15 p.m.

Shanghai Ladies' Ten Pin Play

Mrs. McDonnell (517) High In Opening Matches; New Handicapping System

Low but close scores marked the opening matches in the Ladies' Ten Pin League played off last night at the Foreign "Y" and Shanghai Race Club. The strongly fancied Columbia Country Club team scored a shutout victory over the Y.W.S.S. while the Swiss Club heralded their debut in the League with a 2-1 win over the Race Club. Mrs. McDonnell took the honours of the day with a triple of 517 which included a single of 179.

Handicaps based on 80 per cent. of the difference between any bowler's average and scratch, 170, had the various frames in doubt to the end. A handicap of 91 in the last frame enabled the Race Club to snatch the lone game in their fixture with the Swiss Club.

The Ladies' League will be an open affair this year as the handicaps are revised before each game and on yesterday's performances the Columbians will be on the short end in their next game.

Complete Results

The scores in detail follow:—

C.C.C. 3, Y.W.S.S. 0

COLUMBIA COUNTRY CLUB

Mrs. Hale	153	145	121	419
Mrs. Elliott	141	171	136	448
Mrs. McDonnell	179	171	167	517
Handicaps	36	36	36	108
	509	523	460	1,492

Y.W.S.S.

Mrs. Bojesen	155	127	142	424
Mrs. Sobel	146	126	112	384
Mrs. Collaco	154	169	150	473
Handicaps	46	46	46	138
	501	468	450	1,419

SWISS CLUB 2, S. RACE CLUB 1

SWISS CLUB

Mrs. Eisenhut	147	138	157	442
Mrs. Aeschbach	99	—	—	99
Mrs. Hagnauer	144	167	135	446
Mrs. Schmid	—	154	89	243
Handicaps	64	72	72	208
	454	531	453	1,438

S. RACE CLUB

Miss J. Picozzi	133	145	—	278
Mrs. Boardman	95	138	145	378
Mrs. Prince	122	120	—	242
Mrs. Pote-Hunt	—	—	121	121
Miss Wootten	—	—	104	104
Handicaps	78	78	91	247
	428	481	461	1,370

Pastor May Meet Louis for Title

New York, Feb. 3.

Mike Jacobs, fight promoter, announced last night that Bob Pastor might meet Joe Louis for the world's heavyweight title in Los Angeles on April 15.

Jacobs said that Pastor would be matched to meet the champion in Los Angeles unless Arthur Godoy immediately withdraws his request for the postponement until early May of his scheduled clash with Louis in Los Angeles.

Jacobs meanwhile announced that he had matched Lou Nova and Max Baer for a 15-round challenger battle in New York's Madison Square Garden on April 4. The winner will meet Louis for the title in September, Louis said.—United Press.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Continued from page 4)

do your duty and distribute evenly the taxpayers' burden and, above all, make simple decisions on simple issues, and do not put the last straw on the back of the weakest ratepayer.

Those Japanese ratepayers who have the true interests of the Settlement at heart can rest assured that their efforts are appreciated by fair-minded ratepayers who must reserve most of their criticism of the Council until a more favourable opportunity offers.

One correspondent states there is too much nationalism guiding the voter; in this he is partly right. there is too much nationalism shown by the Japanese—with the result that this is necessarily counter-acted not by nationalism, but by internationalism on the part of other voters. One Japanese correspondent states we are retaining too many high Police officials. This sounds all right, but when one considers that some of our supposedly good citizens attempt to set fire to municipal property on the Race Course, we begin to think we should have more Police officers; and, in any case, we are paying a great portion of the cost of the army of occupation around here, a little extra makes no difference.

The cost of an orchestra, etc., is a mere flea-bite compared to the voracious appetite of the authorities squeezing the life out of Shanghai. No ratepayer or Concessionite should lose sight of that all important fact. Be it also remembered that the F.M.C. has no orchestra, etc., yet the taxes are practically the same as in the Settlement.

EBB TIDE.

Shanghai, Feb. 3.

The Greeks:

More on Their Origin

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Bearing out the contentions of ARISTIDES, published in your issue of February 2nd, archæological research has proved that an "Ægean civilization" existed in what we now call Greece, perhaps 1,500 years B. C. This civilization was evidently not the heritage of one single race but was spread among many. They were far above the level of savages, possessed flocks and herds, tilled the soil, and had mastered the rudiments of navigation. They evidently made free use of the metals copper and gold. They also appeared to know of tin, which they mixed with copper, and produced the more durable bronze. Tin had to be brought from distant western points, perhaps France or Spain, and this will serve to indicate the extent of their trade and navigation.

Nor was this any civilization borrowed from Egypt or Babylon but apparently a genuine native growth of Europe, centred around the Aegean, and destined to be among the progenitors of the Greek race.

The Greeks referred to these earlier inhabitants of their peninsular as "Pelasgi," the name arising from that eponymous hero Pelasgus.

The early Greek mind loved to personify periods and movements in concrete human form, and we find therefore the first steps out of the dim Pelasgic past to be ascribed to a single prince, the founder of the Hellenic name.

The ancestors of the tribes which were later to become Greeks were doubtless a fairhaired Aryan race who migrated to the peninsular from the North, and when these people had established themselves on the Ægean, we find evidence that they demonstrated their virility by piratical descents on the Egyptian coast. Their "nuisance value" is evident from the fact that mention of these raids is made in the chronicles of Rameses II—about 1,000 B.C.

The Phœnicians to whom is wrongly ascribed all the beginnings of culture in Europe were certainly an influence upon the civilization under review, but that civilization was native and European, and not Semitic and imported. Although the Phœnicians were sea-farers and traders—so were the people with whom they were in contact. That the progenitors of our Greek friends benefited by contact with the Phœnicians there can be no doubt as among other legacies, the Phœnicians left the "letters of Cadmus"—as the Hellenic people called them—the alphabet.

The Phœnician influence also made itself felt in the sphere of religion. To the then collection of Greek Deities the Phœnicians added Aphrodite—the Goddess of fertility and reproduction and Heracles the God of Endeavour. Aphrodite is a modification of the Eastern Ashtaroth, and Heracles of Melcarth.

It is generally accepted that the inhabitants of Greece 1,000 B.C. were the same race which ultimately gave the World Socrates and Leonidas. This race was decidedly not Semitic, and with the exception of a few minor infiltrations, the ancestors of the present Greeks.

The present time is not the first in the history of the world that Greece has fulfilled that first of social duties—a manly and determined resistance to lawless aggression—a duty no less important among nations, than among men.

It is a known fact that Hitler will mangle history to the ends of whatever speech he may have been making, but surely there are Italian authorities on Ancient Greek history who could have pointed out to Mussolini that the same blood flows in the veins of those gallant Greeks of today who are pricking the bladder of blackshirt conceit as flowed in the veins of that Leonidas and his immortal Spartans who so many years ago exploded the myth of Persian invincibility at Thermopylæ.

There must be something in the Democratic principle of letting everyone have a say—you'll sometimes get sound advice!

L. C. SMITH.

Shanghai, Feb. 3.

Tramway Fares:

More Excessive Charges

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Your journal reported recently that the S.M.C. had approved the application of the Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd. to increase the fares by 35 per cent. My experience goes to show that the increases range from 50 per cent. to almost 90 per cent. For instance the minimum first class fare has been raised from five cents to eight cents an increase of 60 per cent. The fare for a journey from Seymour Road to Yu Ya Ching Road from eight cents to 15 cents an increase of almost 90 per cent. It looks uncommonly like the case of the man who was given inch and took a yard. I am not opposed to the increases if they are necessary but I do dislike the action of the Tramway Co. in asking our city fathers for 35 per cent. and then helping themselves to what appears to be about double the amount officially sanctioned.

When another Public Utility Co., like the Gas Co., asks for a modest 250 per cent. surcharge approval, they at least stick to the percentage given.

Our city fathers are a big-hearted body when it comes to surcharges so that there is no need for the Tramway Co. to be modest in the matter of asking for a liberal increase in fares and keeping within limits approved.

ACCURACY.

Shanghai, Jan. 31.

The Look-See Racket:

A New Trick Discovered

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—An ingenious method of defeating motor car tyres was demonstrated yesterday afternoon by three "look-see" devils at Hungjao/Warren/Great Western Roads using a strip of bamboo in the form of a spring, with one end on the hub and the other depressing the valve. Returning from a walk, I found two flat tyres, and the car parked immediately behind, had one flat tyre, with the bamboo spring in place.

Fortunately we were able to borrow a pump.

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Shanghai, Feb. 3.

S.V.C. Orders

Officers: The following extracts from the Municipal Gazette dated Jan. 31, are published for information:—Volunteer Corps.—With effect from Jan. 31; Major G. H. Mann, M. C., Staff Officer is appointed temporarily as Deputy Commandant with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Promotions: Russian Company: Capt. C. P. Saveloff to be Maj.—Jan. 31, in recognition of 12 years in command of the company. Field Company: Lt. G. E. Barker to be Capt.—Jan. 31. Philippine Company Lt. A. Y. Celis to be Capt.—Jan. 30. Appointments—Commissions: The undermentioned are appointed 2nd Lieutenants with effect from the dates shown:—Light Horse Sgt. John Kenneth Brand Jan. 31, Armoured Car Coy Sgt. Victor Harris Loureiro Jan. 30. Officers' Commissions—Renewals: The undermentioned Officers' Commissions are renewed under Art. XI of Corps Regs.—Corps Headquarters Lt. R. F. Scott, MC Dec. 12, 1940 Corps Headquarters Lt. T. S. Whitfield Dec 1, 1940 Corps Cavalry H. Q. Lt.-Col L. R. Andrews, MC Dec. 21, 1940 Armoured Car Coy Maj. D. W. Leach Dec. 21, 1940 Medical Officers Lt. M. B. Seng Dec. 27, 1940 Reserve of Officers "B" Capt. C. S. Franklin Dec. 14, 1940 Resignations. Corps Headquarters Capt. J. D. Watt resigned his commission—Jan. 3.

Appointment—Command.—Lieutenant N. J. Domansky is appointed to Command the Russian Company, S. V. C. vice Major C. P. Saveloff to Corps Headquarters with effect from Feb. 1.

Transfers: Major C. P. Saveloff, Russian Company is transferred to Corps Headquarters Feb. 1.

Weapon Training — Classification (Rifle):—The undermentioned have qualified on "30 yards Range":—"A" Company—Privates J. B. Brown, L. A. Whipps, W. H. King, J. Wilson.

Officers—Return from Leave:—Corps Headquarters—Captain F. J. W. Focken returned from leave Jan. 23. Russian Company—Lieutenant N. J. Domansky returned from leave Jan. 27.

Strength: Increase: The undermentioned are taken on the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Troops: "C" M. G. Company Pte. M. Repin Jan. 30. Chinese Company Privates Y. S. Chang, Jan. 23, C. K. Chao, Jan. 23, K. W. Chen, Jan. 23, P. S. Chen, Jan. 23, S. H. Chen, Jan. 23, W. T. Chien, Jan. 23, C. L. Chow, Jan. 23, Y. K. Hu, Jan. 23, F. T. Jiu, Jan. 23, C. K. Jung, Jan. 23, D. N. Liu, Jan. 23, S. F. Ling, Jan. 23, L. F. Ma, Jan. 23, B. D. Moore, Jan. 23, Y. N. Shieh Jan. 23, Y. Z. Sung, Jan. 23, S. Y. Ting, Jan. 23, C. S. Tsu, Jan. 23, M. Y. Tsu, Jan. 23, D. S. Tsui, Jan. 23, Y. S. Wei, Jan. 23, K. S. Wong Jan. 23, B. S. Woo Jan. 23, B. T. Woo, Jan. 23, Z. L. Yee, Jan. 23, T. Y. Yu, Jan. 23 "A" Battalion: "A" Company Pte. I. E. House Jan. 23, Pte. C. P. Mulvey Jan. 23, Pte. J. de Vries Jr. Jan. 24, "B" Battalion: Russian Company Pte. A. Wedensky Jan. 23. Decrease:—The undermentioned are taken off the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Cavalry: Light Horse Tpr. A. Noe Jan. 31. Corps Troops: Signals Company Sgt. P. Blown Jan. 31, Armoured Car Coy Pte. M. Y. T. W. Fiennas Jan. 22. Transport Company Pte. M. A. Charushnikoff Jan. 31. Pte. W. Wagner Jan. 31. Pte. F. H. Watson, Jan. 31. "B" Battalion: American Company Privates V. Hill, Jan. 31, 1941 G. H. Ewart, Jan. 31, H. Hise, Jan. 31, W. Kirby, Jan. 31.

Decree Made Absolute

A decree absolute was granted by Judge P. Grant Jones in H. M. Police Court yesterday to Mrs. Anna Luckie, petitioner for a dissolution of her marriage to Mr. Alexander Reid Luckie. Petitioner was represented by Mr. K. E. Newman.

Chamber Music in Lyceum Theatre

Delightful Enchantment Of Haydn by Trio; Mme Renie's Fine Harp Group

Chamber music has been called "the music of friends." Even when, as last Sunday, performers and audience are separated by the proscenium arch, the informal spirit of intimacy and friendship is still present. The full orchestra is a formidable body of which the audience stand somewhat in awe. But chamber music is a different matter with the listener in much closer contact to the delicate fibre of the music. It may be for reasons of this kind that the Lyceum was almost full and that the behaviour of the audience was exemplary.

20 Minutes of Enchantment

The programme opened with the well-known Haydn Trio in G Major which is a slight enough work but filled with charm and lyrical gaiety. It is hardly a trio in the form to which we are accustomed, for the cello is very little more than the bass part of the piano. Then again it was written not for the piano but for harpsichord and undoubtedly would be an improvement with that instrument. The piano is not a good accompaniment to strings, the less so in a trio than a quintet. Its timbre is blurred when immediately contrasted with the clarity of violin and cello, while its tuning, being a compromise between mechanical limitations and the harmonic series, is not exactly the same as that of stringed instruments.

The playing of this trio was light and musicianly, suffering only in the tone of the violin and in the fact that the three performers were not as familiar with their music as they might have been. This work depends for its effect on Haydn's melodic faculty and on the ease of performance. It must run smoothly from start to finish; it must be airy and never serious. Maestro Paci, Professor Foa and Mr. Winkler felt this and the result was 20 minutes of enchantment.

Lacks Clarity of Diction

If Mr. Shushlin would only cure himself of an inability to stand still, his concert recitals would gain immeasurably. It is most disconcerting to watch his various movements while he is singing. Mr. Shushlin's voice is not entirely suited to the Italian song. It has all the power and dramatic effect of a fine operatic bass but lacks the clarity of diction and delicacy needed for this group, particularly for "Star Vicino" and "Vittoria, Mio Core." To quote Alessandro Parisotti, "in the interpretation of these ancient songs, therefore, a prime requisite is the avoidance of any exaggeration of *coloris*, of all strained delivery. The singing must be simple, unaffected, tranquil, *legato;* the *tempi* quiet, without any precipitation whatever; the embellishments executed with studious attention, to ensure clearness and accuracy; words and tones welded to form one indissoluble whole, so that the hearer cannot fail to comprehend their meaning." The language difficulty is admittedly insurmountable in Shanghai but surely a translation of the words included in the programme would be of great assistance.

Weak Realization

The accompaniment of the Carissimi was a very weak realization of the *basso continuo* and not at all in keeping with the 17th Century atmosphere of the song. The accustomed accompaniment is far better. The Mozart "In Diesen Heil'gen Hallen" was unaccountably announced as "Papageno's Air" whereas it was Sarastro's first song. At any rate the name of the opera was correct.

Mme Renié's group of harp solos was very beautifully played. Her harmonics in particular were perfect. Yet the harp is an unsatisfactory solo instrument. It has no indigenous music of any merit and must therefore rely on arrangements which are not entirely suitable. But worse, it is extremely monotonous and insipid. Mme Renie's first piece was a good example of this for it seemed as though it would never end. In fact, it took about three minutes.

"Archduke" Trio Well Played

The second half of the programme was devoted to Beethoven's "Archduke" Trio in B Flat Opus 97. This is a work of great force and the only one of his trios that is universally known. It is, however, slightly too long. But once again it was well played with a firm grasp of the music and a perfect co-ordination between the three performers. The last movement alone was weak where it seemed that all three of the players were tiring, which was a pity as this movement is one of the finest in all Beethoven's chamber music.—G.H.

Indian Dancer

Miss Lilavati, who will soon be presenting classical Indian dances in Shanghai.

Classical Indian Dancer Here

Miss Lilavati Presenting The "Kathak" in Shanghai At End of February

Miss Lilavati, a Punjabi dancer who is on a tour of the Far East, offers Shanghailanders something new in entertainment with her presentation of the "Kathak"—the classical dancing of India. She expects to open her programme at the Lyceum Theatre towards the end of this month, and will give, besides the Kathak, interpretations, of other Oriental dances which she has developed on her travels around the Far East.

Lilavati, who is of pure Indian descent, received her training in the Kalka Binda School, under the tutorship of a famous Indian master, and became a professional dancer in India shortly after leaving this school. Two of her most famous interpretations are "The New Sari," and a folk dance from Rajputana. The former depicts a young girl who has just been given a Sari—part of the classical dress of Indian women—and is seen trying this on in different styles. The other is one of the most colourful of the Indian dances, in which beautiful costumes are to the fore.

An important part in the Kathak is played by the Tablas—the special Indian drums, beaten by hand. These tablas are indispensable to the dancer, and although any other instrument in the orchestra can be done without, the drums must be used. There are two varieties, the male and the female, as they are called in India. The one sounds a deep, bass note, while the other is of a higher pitch, corresponding to the female voice.

Miss Lilavati came here from Singapore, where she made a very successful stay, and hopes to go to Japan after leaving Shanghai.

Four Suspects Arrested By Central Detectives

Detectives from the Central police station bagged four potential armed robbers yesterday at the entrance to the Shanghai Commercial Bank at the corner of Kiangse and Ningpo Roads at 11.15 a.m.

C.D.C. 120, on duty in the banking district, saw the four men loitering in the vicinity of the bank. Suspecting foul play, the detective informed the station and, a party of police plainclothes men arrived at the scene.

The four men were rounded up by detectives and an imitation pistol was found on the person of one of the detained criminals. The four will face the First Special District Court this morning. Meanwhile, investigations into their records are proceeding.

Better Industrial Outlook Seen

S.M.C. Report for Past Month Sounds Optimistic Keynote for Future

A keynote of optimism regarding the local industrial situation was sounded by the Shanghai Municipal Council in an appraisal by its industrial and social division of the economic and industrial conditions in the Settlement in January. Despite the continuance of restrictions limiting the number of shifts in mills, demand for cotton goods was active and prices showed a decided improvement. Many mills also worked full time, some without even the usual week-end suspension prior to the Chinese New Year holidays.

It was disclosed that hardware factories, machine tool manufacturing plants and those making electric equipment have been reporting steady business with export opportunity to the south offering. Silk filatures have been reeling the last of the cocoons in Shanghai while export has encountered some difficulty as tests and export permits were hard to obtain. Seasoning powder factories reported a good demand but a scarcity of gluten. Brass rolling mills have been facing uncertainties in obtaining raw materials due to scrap copper export bans in many countries. The holidays brought production to a virtual standstill in many plants.

Child Protection

Young people under the age of 18 admitted to the Salvation Army Beggars' Camp since January 1 have been interviewed by social workers of the Child Protection Section. There were 212 children in the camp on January 31. 152 boys. 60 girls. Of these, 205 have been interviewed. 67 with parents. 138 without. Of those with parents. Section social workers began the process of re-establishing contact with these. Preventing begging by these young people, as of those with parents in the camp, may be a family welfare problem. The remainder of the young people, who have no parents, will remain in the camp, where educational programmes are being worked out for them. In their case, the ultimate problem is suitable employment. But a period of instruction and cultivation is necessary before they can be placed with hope of successful adaption.

The Spring Festival was used for a re-union of young people placed in employment during 1940. In all, 93 from 27 factories were invited, and 31 came. Gifts from various firms were distributed. The purpose was achieved, namely to give a "group sense" to the scattered young workers and to inculcate a desire to make good. The National Child Welfare Association made available 100 suits of winter clothing for the use of the Section in its rehabilitation work.

Adjustments in Police Cases

Forty-one children were handled by the Section, of whom 39 were handed to the Section for adjustment by the Police. Twenty-two had strayed, seven had been abandoned, six were homeless. Twenty-nine were sent to five institutions, seven were returned to their homes. Thirteen cases from previous months were re-opened for re-adjustment.

Seventy-four young persons under the age of eighteen were before the Court. Sixty per cent. of them were unemployed, and 77 per cent. guilty of thieving in some form. Twelve had had previous convictions, two having had four. The Court imprisoned 23, sent five to the Reformatory, and detained eight. Fifty-one young delinquents in the Reformatory and Women's Detention House were interviewed by the Section and assistance offered. Four who, in the Reformatory, stated they wished for the Section's help in making a new start, were met by gang leaders in a car upon release.

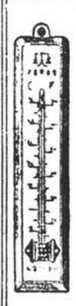
New employment was found for three boys from institutions, and readjustments were made in six cases. Seven new factories were approached for employment; five agreed to take young workers after the Festival.

Tokyo Budget for House of Peers

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

The Yen 6,800,000,000 general budget for the next fiscal year 1941-42, which was passed by the House of Representatives yesterday following an 11-day discussion, and referred to the House of Peers, was taken up by the latter's Budgetary Committee's meeting this morning.

The national defence security bill, and National Mobilization Law reform bill, were discussed in the House of Representatives today.—Domei.



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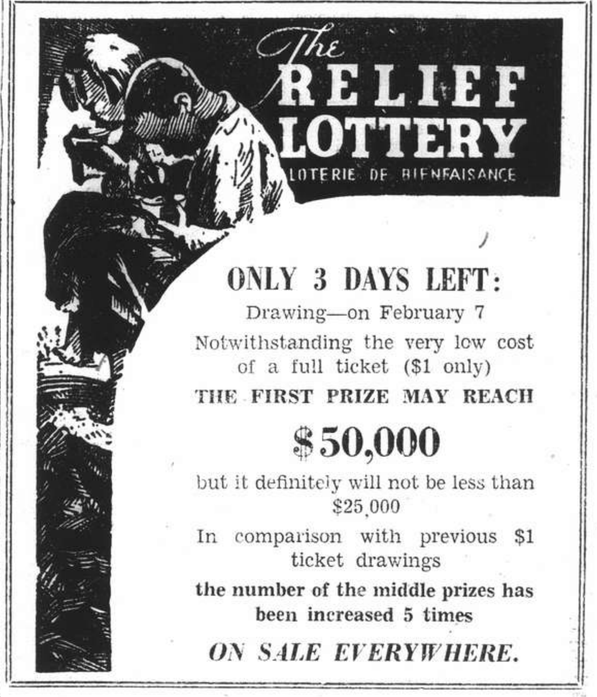

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FROM DAY TO DAY

AT nine o'clock this evening, there is a re-broadcast of Sir Victor Sassoon's talk on "India and the War" from XCDN.

AT the First Special District Court, Lee Soong Ling of 320 Chemulpo Road was fined $50 for operating a dairy in the Settlement without a licence.

MISS Ma Sze-chuan will play a Bach Fugue and Etude No. 9 of Chopin during Professor Chao Mei-pa's musical programme from Station XCDN today at 5 p.m.

SPORTS section members of the B.W.A. are reminded of the badminton tournament on Friday, commencing at 2 p.m. Those intending to take part are asked to send in their names as early as possible.

THE B.W.A. War Work Fund raffle tickets No. 0313 for a silver tea set, 0831 for a doll and 0699 for a cushion, drawn at the bazaar on December 11, have not been claimed. Unless claimed soon these will be re-raffled.

MAJOR Kunio Akiyama, who has been ordered to a post with the general staff of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to China, arrived here from Tokyo by air on Sunday afternoon, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reports.

THE next meeting of the Rotary Club will be held on Thursday, 12.15 p.m., at the Metropole Hotel, 1st floor. The speaker will be Mr. J. C. Maguite, who will talk on the "Philosophy of Buddhism and Lamaism."

THE raffle for the cabinet gramophone presented to Bubbling Well Lawn Bowls Club was won by no. 310. If the gramophone is not claimed within one month, same will be sold by auction and the proceeds sent to the Voluntary War Contribution Fund.

A FAREWELL meeting was held by the Shanghai Japanese Pressmen's Club at the New Asia Hotel on Sunday evening in honour of Lieut.-Col. Jiro Saito, former chief of the press section of the Japanese Army forces in the Shanghai area, who is shortly leaving here, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reports.

UNDER the present anti-illiteracy scheme, the Kwangtung Provincial Government has planned the construction of another 16,500 public schools in various districts during the current year so as to teach the rudiments of education to adults and children, says a Shiukwan message to the "Cheng Yien Pao."

THE musical programme at 8.30 p.m. which is an XCDN feature on Wednesdays, is comprised this week of Russian folk and opera selections including recordings by Chaliapin and the Don Cossack Choir. Mr. A. Emms will speak on the "Trend of Post War Education in England" tomorrow evening at 9.45.

THE writer, Eleanor Hillyer, who is, perhaps, better known to Shanghai people as Mrs. Guy Hillyer, will give her "Impression of Peru" at 3.50 p.m., tomorrow over Station XCDN. Widely travelled as well as an inhabitant of China for over two decades, Mrs. Hillyer's experiences and memories should prove more than ordinarily interesting.

THE XCDN symphony concert today at 9.30 p.m., features Russian composers. The haunting "Scheherazade" of Rimsky-Korsakov, a Prokofiec Symphony and a Moussourgsky descriptive piece have been chosen by Mr. Brian Connell as a representative group of compositions for this hour and a half of music. He intersperses the recordings with brief programme notes.

A GROUP of Chinese consular officials who had been appointed to Japanese posts sailed from here for Japan last week, according to a report in the "Tairiku Shimpo." This group included Messrs. Feng Yu, Chu Shih-wei and Lo Chien-jun, Consul-General, Consul and Vice-Consul at Yokohama, respectively, and Mr. Teng Ta, Consul at Kobe. All these Chinese Consuls are graduates of the Tung Wen University in Shanghai.

THE health report of the French Municipality for the week ending February 1, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession was—Foreigners 11 and Chinese 173. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, pneumonia and tuberculosis one each. Chinese, tuberculosis 34; pneumonia 10, typhoid and paratyphoid fevers 5, measles 2 and diphtheria, dysentery, beri-beri one each.

A KENSINGTON air raid shelter was enlivened one night by a courageous old gentleman, who arrived clad only in his pyjamas. He was at once offered a hot cup of tea, but politely declined it. A few minutes later someone arrived with the old gentleman's false teeth. Then he announced that he would now like the cup of tea, and was apparently so much fortified by it that he announced his intention, at the height of the raid, of going back for his trousers! The warden tried to dissuade him, but he succeeded in reaching the corner of his street, and there argued with a fresh set of wardens for half an hour before they succeeded in turning him back by threats of force. The next night he came to the shelter again—but this time with both teeth and trousers.

NOVEMBER is always a month of memories for M. Maisky, the Russian Ambassador. Twenty-eight years ago on this month he first landed in London as a political exile, unable to speak English, and with only £3 2s. in his pocket. As the regulations prescribed £5, he was turned back, but when he produced a party certificate signed by Chicherin proving that he was a genuine refugee, he was admitted. He took humble lodgings in Camden Town, wrote articles for left-wing Russian newspapers, and, like Lenin, haunted the British Museum Reading Room. After the revolution he returned to Russia, but eight years ago he paid his second visit to London—this time as Moscow's Ambassador. M. Maisky is probably the only man in London who uses a motorcar made in Russia. It is a copy of an American model, and cost approximately £700.

Newspaper Plants Attacked In Johannesburg Riots

Soldiers Involved in Brawl with Police Not Wearing General Duty Volunteers' Badge

Johannesburg, Feb. 3.

WILD scenes were witnessed in Johannesburg during the week-end when thousands of police, civilians and soldiers were involved in serious riots.

One hundred and forty people, mostly soldiers, have been admitted to hospitals up to the present.

Armoured cars toured the streets yesterday, but the city is now quiet. Hundreds of sightseers, however, are congregated outside the offices of the "Vaterland"—General J.B.M. Hertzog's newspaper—and the offices of the "Transvaler"—Nationalist newspaper supporting Republican policy. Both offices suffered severe damages in the disturbances.

The trouble originated on Friday night, when Mr. J. F. J. van Rensburg, formerly administrator of the Orange Free State and now leader of the Ossewabrandwag, an organization of extreme Republican nature, addressed a cultural meeting.

Street Clashes

The meeting was not political, and was generally orderly. Clashes, however, occurred in the streets when the meeting concluded. Soldiers and civilians were involved. Some of the latter were wearing beards, which are favoured by members of the Ossewabrandwag.

The police intervened, but the soldiers appeared to resent accepting orders from policemen not wearing orange shoulder "flashes." These flashes indicate that the wearers have volunteered for duty in any part of Africa; both police and soldiers are entitled to wear them.

Trouble again broke out on Saturday night and continued on Sunday morning. The police then used tear gas and made several baton charges to disperse crowds. Automobiles were wrecked and a police van set ablaze.

Reinforcements Sent

Police reinforcements were sent from outlying towns, and the 1st National Volunteer Brigade was called out. Troops summoned from military camps assisted military police to maintain order.

On Saturdays Johannesburg is usually crowded with soldiers on leave, and the trouble started when some of them saw bearded men in a tramcar, which they attacked. Many shop windows were broken.

Soldiers attempted to reach the offices of the Ossewabrandwag—popularly supposed to be an anti-British organization—which are in the "Transvaler" building, but failed. They then ran round the back of the building, breaking plate-glass windows of the "Vaterland," where the printing machinery was damaged.

The streets were in considerable turmoil, and audiences from cinemas and theatres were added to the crowds when the disturbances were at their worst.—Reuter.

U.S. Threat to Japan Seen

Swedish Paper Says Axis Pact Failed to Frighten American People

London, Feb. 3.

President Roosevelt may decide any day to adopt a non-belligerent status in the West as well as the East and Japan has facilitated this by signing the three-power pact, states the Swedish newspaper "Svenska."

This move declared the paper was intended to frighten American electors from supporting President Roosevelt but it was a miscalculation and the pact had the opposite effect for it was used by President Roosevelt against its own instigators when he pointed out that freedom's enemies threatened America from the Pacific as well as the Atlantic, the paper states.

Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, who started life as a Seattle errand boy and does not underestimate United States resources, has not concealed his embarrassment over this fatal turn of events, the "Svenska" continues.

The international situation is now very different from what it was last year when the Berlin pact was signed and it appeared likely that England might be "liquidated" by German attacks.

"Although bleeding from many wounds, Britain's arteries are uncut and her nerves unshaken," the daily goes on. "She stands despite her tardy awakening upright and has together with Greece inflicted such defeats on Italy in the eastern Mediterranean that Germany is suddenly faced with war on two fronts splitting her strength.

"The empire's resources are being rapidly mobilized and the United States is reaching a state of preparedness facilitating intensive intervention in the war."

Mr. Matsuoka has admittedly declared that Japan will fulfil her obligations to Berlin but at the same time he has beseeched Washington to spare Japan this bitter pill by not openly entering the war, the paper adds.

Japan had previously hoped to reach an agreement with Russia and Russia had nothing against a non-intervention pact if it resulted in a conflict between Japan and the United States, but when it was requested that the Soviets should cease supplying China with war material there came a very firm reply from Russia. Thus Japan's move may be interpreted as harakiri by Japan's leading politician, the paper concludes.—Reuter.

Pope Pius Confident France Will Recover

Country Brought "Dearer To Me" By Suffering

Lyons, Feb. 2.

Pope Pius XII is fully confident in France's recovery, Cardinal Gerlier, the Archbishop of Lyons, stated today at an impressive religious manifestation in the Fourvieres Basilica.

Cardinal Gerlier, it may be recalled, returned a few days ago from the Vatican City, where he was granted two audiences by His Holiness.

What struck him the most during his stay in the Vatican, the Cardinal said, was the Pope's "ever growing paternal benevolence towards France and his magnificent confidence in the recovery of our country."

"I told His Holiness of the immense effort towards recovery being made in France under Marshal Philippe Petain, and of the unity of all Frenchmen in this task," Cardinal Gerlier said. "The Pope declared that his French sons are dearer to him, if possible, in their suffering, and asked me to transmit to Marshal Petain his confidence in the success of these efforts."—Havas.

U.S. Silent on Joint Australian Plan

Defence Pact Reported to Have Been Reached

Washington, Feb. 2.

The U.S. State Department and the Australian Legation at Washington today declined to confirm the Wellington, New Zealand, report to the effect the United States and Australia had reached an accord for joint defence against Japan, in a special despatch published by the "New York Times."

According to the despatch mailed to the "New York Times" and dated January 14, an agreement was reached as a result of a conversation between the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, and the Australian Minister, Mr. Richard Casey at Washington.

Under the reported agreement, the United States would obtain use of the Singapore naval base and be permitted to use refuelling and air bases in southern and eastern Australia and New Zealand.

The agreement aimed at halting Japan's southward expansion policy, according to the Wellington report.—Domei.

German Consulate at Manchouli to Open

Changchun, Feb. 3.

Establishment of a German Consulate-General at Manchouli has been agreed to by the Manchoukuo Government, it was announced today. Mr. Beekman, German vice-consul of the Yokohama Consulate was reported nominated for the post of first German Consul of Manchouli.—Domei.

FUNERAL

Mr. William Francis Blake

In the presence of relatives and friends, funeral services were held yesterday for the late Mr. William Francis Blake, aged 46 years, of the China Engineers, Ltd. A Requiem Mass was said at the Church of Christ the King in the morning by the Rev. Father J. F. McGreal, S.J., who also conducted the last rites at the grave in the Hungjao Road Cemetery. The late Mr. Blake had been associated with the China Engineers, Ltd., for many years, mostly at Hongkong.

His sudden death came as a severe shock to his wife and daughter and to a host of friends, who held him in highest esteem. The casket upon which was placed a beautiful cross of lilies, sweet-peas and violets from "Jeanne and Joyce" was carried to the grave by Messrs. W. C. Gomersall, V. A. Menshikoff, A. E. Valensa, R. C. Lent and H. R. Gasten and Maj. M. Leitao.

Among others sending flowers were:

Mother; Milla and Armand; Harry and Olga; Auntie Agnes; Doreen; Kitty and Harry; Bobby and Denice; Auntie Gladys and Ivor; the directors of the China Engineers Ltd.; staff of the China Engineers, Ltd.; staff of Sandoz, Ltd.; Messrs. China Printing & Finishing Co., Ltd.; Ralli Brothers, Ltd.; Elizabeth Craig; Mr. Z. V. Chu; Mrs. Crafter and Muriel; Mr. and Mrs. Hans Diestel; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gomersall; Mr. C. B. V. Golding; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Garcia; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Huetti; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Helm; Mr. H. A. Keane; James Lee; Mrs. M. Menshikoff; Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Menshikoff and Nata; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Poliak; Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Sinclair; Mr. A. Edwin Simmons; Z. L. Sia; O. L. Theiler; J. S. Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. H. Vevers; Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Viloudaki; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. White; C. Y. Wong; Z. David Woo; T. Y. Wong; Ah Dee, Ah Doo and D. R. Boy; K. Y. Chang; T. D. Loh; W. M. Roy; H. Wong; C. C. Nee; H. P. Lock; D. S. Tsai; T. O. Tsai; C. W. Yung; K. H. Li and T. K. Liang.

Lord Lloyd Weaker

London, Feb. 3.

Lord Lloyd, British Colonial Secretary, had a fair night but is a little weaker, according to the Colonial Office announcement this morning.—Reuter.

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Zaosan M.	Japan	Showa S.
Taiyo M.	Japan	T.K.K.
Collingsworth	Japan	Everett
Anwoo	Hsinkong	Chung Hua
Meitung	Hupukow	S.V.O.C.
Hengshan M.	Tientsin	T.K.K.
Asama M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
San Simeon	C'wangtao	Wheelock

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Yamabuki M.	Jap.	Y.K.K.
Hukuken M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Huashan M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Vanping	Chi.	Chung Hua

SHIPPING NEWS

The ss. **Taiyo Maru**, of the Toa Kaiun Kaisya, arrived in Shanghai yesterday afternoon, 24 hours late. The liner, which is berthed at the company's Yangtszepoo Wharf, will make a three day stay in port, sailing on her return trip to Kobe direct at 7 a.m. on February 6.

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The ss. **Hoten Maru**, fast liner of the D.K.K., running between Shanghai, Tsingtao and Dairen, is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow afternoon at about 4 o'clock, when she will dock at the company's Whangpoo Wharf. The ship, which carries mail and passengers, besides a quantity of general cargo, will remain in port for 36 hours, sailing again for the north on February 7 at 9 o'clock.

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The ss. **Tsingtao Maru**, express liner of the D.K.K., operating on the Shanghai-Tsingtao-Dairen run, is due to leave harbour on her return trip to the Northern ports this morning at 9 o'clock. The liner, which carries mail and passengers, arrived here two days ago, docking alongside the company's Whangpoo Wharf. Ordinary letter mail for the ship will be closed at the Post Office at 7.15 this morning. Outgoing passengers are requested to embark from the wharf direct at least half an hour before sailing time.

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The ss. **Kobe Maru**, shuttle steamer of the Toa Kaiun Kaisya, running between Shanghai and Nagasaki, is scheduled to enter port this afternoon at about 2 o'clock, tying up alongside the company's Wayside Wharf. The vessel will remain here overnight only, returning to Japan tomorrow morning at 8.30, carrying mail and passengers. Registered and ordinary mail for the ship will be closed at the Post Office at 7.30 and 8 o'clock tonight, respectively. Passengers for Nagasaki should go on board the liner between 7 and 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive today are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From NAGASAKI: Kobe Maru, with mail, due 3 p.m. Wayside Wharf.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From Bombay & Calcutta: M'bourne M — 19/2
From Karachi: Kasima M — 16/2

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From New York: P Monroe — 5/2; Dona A'rora — 21/2
From Los Angeles: P Clidge 20/1 11/2; Tatuta M 5/1 17/2; Nitta M 24/1 3/3
From Seattle: W C'seta 20/1 11/2
From Honolulu: P C'lidge 29/1 11/2; Tatuta M 13/1 17/2; Nitta M 2/2 3/3
From Manila: P C'land 2/2 8/2
From Nagasaki: N'sagi M 5/1 6/1

CHINA PORTS

From Dairen: Hoten M 3/2 5/2

Vessels Sailing

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The undermentioned vessels are due to leave Shanghai on the dates indicated.

For Capetown: P Monroe 6/2
For Karachi: Okitu M 7/2
For New York: P Monroe 6/2; Nankai M 14/2; Dona Aurora 22/2
For Los Angeles: P Cleveland 9/2; Nankai M 14/2; Asama M 14/2; P Coolidge 25/2
For Seattle: Collingsworth 4/2
For Manila: Collingsworth 4/2; P Monroe 6/2; P Coolidge 12/2; West Cuseta 14/2; Tatuta M 18/2
For Hongkong: Asama M 4/2; Collingsworth 4/2; P Monroe 6/2; P Coolidge 12/2; West Cuseta 14/2
For Kobe: Taiyo M 5/2
For Nagasaki: Kobe M 5/2; Nagasaki M 7/2; S'hai M 15/2
For Dairen: Tsingtao M 4/2; Hoten M 7/2; Dairen M 9/2

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ss. DAIREN MARU .. Feb. 7 Feb. 9 at 9 a.m.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU .. Feb. 10 Feb. 12 at 9 a.m.
DAIREN-TIENTSIN LINE (Sailing from Dairen)
ss. CHOHEI MARU ..... Feb. 7 at 2 p.m.
ss. MANJYU MARU ..... Feb. 10 at 10 a.m.
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ss. SATARTIA	Feb. 15	Mar. 9/11	Mar. 15	Mar. 19
ss. COLDBROOK	Feb. 25	Mar. 19/21	Mar. 25	Mar. 29

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1941

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3$\frac{1}{16}$d.		$ 72.45
U.S. $100 @ 5¼		$1,904.76
Yen	22¼	$100
Guilders	9⅞	100
Rupees	18⅜	100
Pesos	10½	100
Hongkong	$22	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3$\frac{7}{16}$d.	$ 69.81
U.S. $100 @ 5$\frac{7}{16}$	$1,839.00
London—demand, $1=	3$\frac{7}{16}$d.
4 months' sight credits	3$\frac{13}{32}$d.
4 months' sight docts	3½d.
6 months' sight credits	3½d.
6 months' sight docts	3$\frac{17}{32}$d.
New York—demand, 100=	U.S. 5\frac{7}{16}$
4 months' sight credits	U.S. 5\frac{7}{16}$
4 months' sight docts	U.S. $5½

NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

£1=U.S. $4.03½ U.S. $1=59.48d.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

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Gold Unit 1.00—Hua Hsing	$2.794
Gold Unit 1.00—Local Dollar	$5.085

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

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£	Highest	3⅜	Lowest	3$\frac{11}{32}$
U.S. $		5⅝		5$\frac{9}{16}$

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

Cash	SELLING		BUYING Jan./Feb.
£ T.T.	3$\frac{11}{32}$	4 m/s. l.c.	3$\frac{13}{32}$
U.S.$ T.T.	5$\frac{9}{16}$	4 m/s. l.c.	5$\frac{7}{16}$
Rs. T.T.	18⅝	15 d/s.	19⅛

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NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

New York closing rate for Feb. 1	4.03½
Local Sellers of U.S.$ against £ at the close	3.81
Local Sellers of U.S.$ against £ at the close	3.82

The local exchange market opened with nominal sellers for cash at 3⅜d. sterling and 5⅝ U.S.$, but buyers came out immediately at these rates and the market eased slightly with a fair amount of business passing.

Later in the day, however, a steadier feeling set in upon a few selling orders from Hongkong and the market remained quiet for the rest of the day. At the close, the best sellers were:—

3$\frac{11}{32}$d.	sterling	5$\frac{11}{32}$	U.S.$	Cash
3$\frac{11}{32}$	„	5$\frac{9}{16}$	„	Feb.
3$\frac{11}{32}$	„	5$\frac{9}{32}$	„	Mar.

Singapore Weekly Rubber Report

Singapore, Jan. 16.

Both the local and London markets have been quiet. New York has been influenced, to a certain extent, by factory support, but recent heavy arrivals, 98,000 tons during December, have caused a reaction and prices have weakened somewhat.

Latest quotations to hand are as follows:—

Spot 36¾ cts. down 1 ct.
London 12⅜d. down ⅛d.
New York 19⅝ U.S.A. cts. down ¾ U.S.A. ct.

The following are details of American statistics for last month (in tons):—

	Dec. 1940.	Nov. 1940.	Dec. 1939.
Stocks on last day of month	318.500	276.900	138.000
Afloat on last day of month	146.000	158.100	91.100
Consumption	56,500	54,700	48,400
Consumption of Reclaimed Rubber	17.100	16.000	15.600

At the auctions held yesterday, there was a fair demand for all grades. Of 833 tons catalogued, 749 tons were offered and 558 tons sold.

The following is the course of values:—

	In Singapore per lb.
Ribbed Smoked Sheet:—	
Standard Quality	37¼—37⅝
Good Average Quality	36¼—37¼
Fair Average Quality	35⅛—36⅜
Off Quality	34 —35
Sheet Cuttings	33¼—34⅛
Crepe:—	
Fine Quality Pale	No Sales.
Standard & slightly inferior	37 —37¼
Off Colour Latex	34⅝—34¾
Light Brown & Brown (Clean)	33¾—34⅜
Milling Grades:—	
Cupwashings & skimmings	33⅝—33¾
Tree Scrap	28¾—30¾
Brown & Dark Crepe	27 —33⅜
Bark Crepe (Earth Rubber)	26¼
Virgin Lump	27⅛—30½

New York Weekly Market Report

By courtesy of S. E. Levy & Co.

The Dow-Jones industrials average broke the five-month range without a significant volume, reflecting the opinions of Washington officials of a stark European crisis within ninety days, the threatening speech of Hitler, reports of the imminence of further British liquidation and possible effects of the War economy on business profits.

Excellent earnings reports were ignored by the market, as a result of the unmistakable lack of speculative confidence. The question now arises whether the market that ignores good news may not be vulnerable to depressing developments.

"Trader," however, sees no bad news ahead, outside a possible collapse of the British and the Tax Bill, which cannot be calculated for three months. He warns against the espousal of the belief that capitalism is permanently undermined, which is a fear complex comparable to a lack of faith in the British resistance, which last year proved completely erroneous.

Silver Quotations

	Jan. 31	Feb. 3
London spot	23¼d.	23$\frac{3}{16}$d.
„ forward	23¼d.	23$\frac{3}{16}$d.
„ gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Generally uncertain news was the reason for the weakness of the market at the opening yesterday, when most issues were quoted at prices lower than the closing rates of the last day's business. However, Wheelocks were the first to recover and, after touching $103, improved to $108, at which rate there was heavy profit taking, with the market closing at $107 buyers. Other industrials were quietly supported, but business was at one time on a large scale. Rubbers, due to the uncertainty, were again easier.

Official Averages

High	Low		Today's Average	Change
462.56	105.32	General	318.36	—2.78
485.40	95.55	Rubbers	325.68	—7.93

Total 522,542 shares, 1,040 bonds.

Morning Session

Yangtsze Finance					4000	19.40
	3000	*19.40	2500	19.50	500	*19.20
	6000	19.00	500	18.90	1000	18.50
	1000	18.80	1500	19.10	500	*19.00
	1000	18.90	500	*19.00	3000	19.00
	3000	19.10	1000	*19.20	500	*19.10
I. I. Trust			500	*28.25	1500	28.50
	1000	28.25	500	28.00	500	*28.00
	2000	27.75	4000	27.50	3000	27.25
	1000	*27.25	1000	27.00	1000	*27.00
	3500	27.25	2000	27.50	3500	27.75
	500	*27.75				
S'hai Loan (Old)			500	*26.00	2000	25.75
	1000	25.50	1000	26.00	1000	26.25
S'hai Loan (New)			500	*26.00	500	25.50
	1000	25.75	500	26.25	500	*26.00
S'hai Securities (X.D.)					500	6.70
	1000	*6.65	1000	6.65	7000	6.55
	5000	6.50	2000	*6.50	1000	6.60
	2000	*6.55	2000	6.55	6500	6.60
	500	*6.60	5000	6.55		
China Realty			9500	10.10	500	*10.20
	2500	10.10	500	10.00	1000	9.90
	500	9.80	3500	9.95	1500	9.90
	1000	10.00				
S'hai Land			500	14.10	500	14.00
	500	13.70	1000	13.60	3000	*13.60
	2000	13.70				
Dockyards			2400	36.25	3400	36.50
	100	*36.25	200	36.00	900	35.50
	800	35.75	500	*35.75	2400	35.25
	900	*35.00	100	*35.25	3100	35.00
	10500	35.50	100	35.25	100	*35.50
	200	35.75	500	*35.75	400	*35.25
	200	*35.50	2300	35.25	200	*35.75
	1000	35.75	500	35.50	200	*35.50
	500	*35.75	300	35.50		
Ewo Brewery			500	9.15	500	9.10
	500	*9.15	1000	*9.05	2000	8.95
	1000	*8.95	2000	*8.90	500	*8.75
	3500	8.80	4500	8.85	9500	8.90
	5000	8.80	2500	8.85	6000	8.95
	1000	8.90				
S. & H. Wharf			260†	*450.00	200	450.00
Wheelock			100	105.50	2100	105.00
	1100	104.50	100	*105.00	800	104.00
	100	103.50	200	103.00	100	102.00
	500	*102.00	500	102.50	1600	103.00
	600	*103.00	5400	103.50	200	*103.50
	1600	104.00	1300	104.50	300	*104.50
	2000	105.00	100	105.50	400	106.00
	800	*105.50	1700	106.00	1500	106.50
	4000	107.00	100	*107.50	100	*106.00
	1700	*107.00	1100	106.50	1000	106.00
Ewo Mills (Ord)			4800	51.00	5500	51.50
	1000	*51.50	200	*51.00	1000	50.50
	800	*50.50	700	*50.00	3200	50.00
	700	49.75	300	*49.75	500	*49.50
	1200	49.50	1800	49.75	200	49.25
	100	*49.75	2700	50.00	100	50.50
	1900	49.75	200	*49.75	300	*49.50
	900	49.50	400	49.25	900	*50.00
	200	49.75	3900	50.00	1000	*50.50
	400	50.50	400	*50.00		
Textile			3000	*10.10	10000	10.00
	5000	10.10	1500	9.95	500	9.85
	6000	9.80	2000	9.75	500	*9.85
	2500	9.85	500	9.90		
Worsted			500	*6.70	3000	6.75
	500	*6.75	1000	*6.80	500	6.80
Tram (Bearer) £1					1100	49.00
	500	48.75	500	*48.75	1000	*48.50
	500	*48.25				
C. G. Omnibus			100	20.00	500	19.80
	1100	19.90	100	*19.80		
Telephone			500	41.25	300	*41.00
	500	41.00	300	40.75		
S'hai Gas (Old)					200	18.50
Lumber			100	58.00	100	57.50
	100	57.00	200	56.50	300	57.00
Metal (Old)			300	35.50	3300	35.75
	2400	*36.00	100	35.25	500	35.00
	1400	34.75	900	34.50	400	*34.50
	400	*35.00	3200	35.00	500	35.25
	100	*35.25	200	34.75	1200	35.25
	800	35.00				
Metal (New)			1200	30.75	300	31.00
	100	*30.50	100	*30.25	900	30.75
	600	*30.75	300	30.50	300	30.25
	600	30.00	600	29.75	1900	29.50
	200	29.25	1400	29.75	2200	30.00
	100	*29.75	300	30.25	500	30.00
	1200	30.00				
Kaiping			200	54.00	2200†	*52.00
Exploration			5500	27.25	500	*27.25
	1500	27.00	2000	26.75	500	*27.00
	1000	*26.50	4500	26.50	1000	*26.25
	1500	26.25	6000	26.75	500	*26.75
	4000	26.50	500	*26.50	500	*26.75
	2500	26.75	4500	27.00	500	*27.25
	1500	27.00				
Power (Pref)					65	131.50
Anglo Dutch			100	22.50	700	22.25
	300	*22.25	400	22.00		
Anglo Java			300	46.25	100	46.00
	600	44.75	300	*45.00	500	45.00
	300	45.50	1200	45.25	1400	45.00
	300	44.75	600	*45.00		
Ayer Tawah					500	6.80
Bute					500	7.00
Dominion			1000	10.20	500	10.30
Kroewoek			1000	3.00	1000	3.05
Langkat			1500	34.00	200	*34.00
	200	33.50	100	33.00	200	32.25
	200	32.50	700	32.00	1100	32.75
	200	*32.75	1900	32.50	100	*32.50
	100	*32.75	300	32.75	1000	33.00
Rubber Trust			500	*12.10	1000	11.80
	1000	11.70	500	*11.50	1000	11.60
Senawang			1000	1.60	1000	1.54
Seremban					1000	2.52½
Tebong			1000	1.62	8000	1.60
	2000	1.58	2000	1.60		
Ziangbe			300	26.50	200	26.25
	600	26.00	100	*26.25	100	26.25
	200	26.00				
Ewo Mills (Rights)					1963	*22.50
Cathay Land 6% Tael 1930					130000	*80.00
Cathay Land 6% Tael 1932					20000	*80.00
S. M. C. 6% 1940					12000	*92.00
Power 5½% Debs.					18000	90.00
	10000	*90.00				

ODD LOTS

S'hai Loan (Old)			150	25.50
S'hai Loan (New)	150	*25.50	200	25.25
	220	25.75	200	24.75
I. I. Trust	250	28.00	250	28.25
	250	27.00		
Exploration	100	26.75	120	26.00
	100	27.00		
Worsted			250	6.96
Union Ins.			3*	Hk415.00
S'hai Land	100	*13.70	100	13.40
China Realty			112	[illegible]
Ewo Mills (Ord)	75	50.50	37	49.25
	75	49.50	4	51.00
Dockyards			64	34.75
Textile	300	10.20	200	9.95
Int. Assurance			23	*21.00

*—Direct Business
†—Outport Business

Afternoon Session

China Finance					1000	1.46
Yangtsze Finance					500	19.00
	3000	19.10	500	19.00		
S'hai Loan (Old)			500	26.25	500	26.00
S'hai Loan (New)			500	26.50	500	26.00
I. I. Trust			1500	27.50	2000	27.75
	500	*27.50				
S'hai Securities				X.D.	3000	6.55
	6000	6.50	1500	*6.50	1000	6.45
	1000	*6.45	2000	6.50		
China Realty					500	9.90
S'hai Land			4000	13.70	2000	*13.80
	1500	*13.70				
Dockyards			300	35.50	500	*35.50
	300	*35.75	1600	35.75	2500	35.50
Ewo Brewery			1500	8.80	1000	8.85
	7000	8.90	500	8.95	3000	8.90
Wheelock			100	106.50	900	107.00
	1300	107.50	200	*107.50	5700	108.00
	200	*108.50	500	*108.00	200	*107.50
	2100	107.50	200	*107.00	100	107.00
	100	*107.50	100	107.50	300	107.00
Ewo Mills (Ord)			1800	*50.00	2300	50.00
	100	50.50	300	*49.75	100	49.75
Central Prop.					100	*20.50
Textile			500	9.85	3000	9.90
	500	9.85				
Worsted			3500	6.75	1000	6.80
Tram (Bearer) £1					100	48.50
C. G. Omnibus			500	19.80	400	19.70
	100	19.60				
Telephone			500	40.75	100	40.50
S'hai Gas (Old)					400	18.70
Lumber			100	57.50	200	57.00
	500	*57.00	100	56.50		
Metal (Old)			1100	35.25	100	*35.00
	100	*34.75	2100	35.00		
Metal (New)			600	30.00	100	30.25
	100	*30.25	100	*30.00	1200	29.75
Kaiping					100	52.50
Exploration			7000	27.00	1000	27.25
	500	*27.00	9500	*27.25	3000	27.00
Anglo Dutch					600	22.25
Anglo Java			400	44.75	200	*45.00
	500	45.00				
Cheng			1000	0.90	1000	0.91
Kroewoek					1000	3.00
Langkat			100	32.75	500	33.00
	300	33.25	900	33.00		
Permata					1000	1.40
Tebong					4000	1.60
Ziangbe					800	26.00
Bakerite					130	18.20
Cathay Land					1000	2.30
Ewo (Pref)					56*	180.00
Cathay Land 6% Tael 1932					4000	*80.00

ODD LOTS

Worsted	400	6.70	80	6.70
S'hai Securities			100	6.45
Ayer Tawah			80	6.85
Dockyards			50	35.25

*—Direct Business.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Feb. 3.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Atoks	.205	.21 S
Antamok	.05 S	.05 S
Batong Buhay	.0075 S	.0075 S
Consolidated Mines	.0017 S	.0019 S
Demonstration	.05	.05
East Mindanao	.07	.07
I. X. L.	.23	.23
Itogen	.1475 S	.1475 S
Masbate Consolidated	.08	.08
North Camarines	.025	.025
Paracale Gumaus	.27	.275
San Mauricio	Unq.	.30 S
Surigao Consolidated	.18	.17
Suyoc	.09	.09 S
Mindanao Motherlode	.1175 S	.1175 S
Benguet Consolidated	4.30	—
(over the counter)		

Turnover (Morning Session): 3,400 Pesos.

Shares Index (Morning Session): 46.49.

A—Asked. S—Sales.—Reuter.

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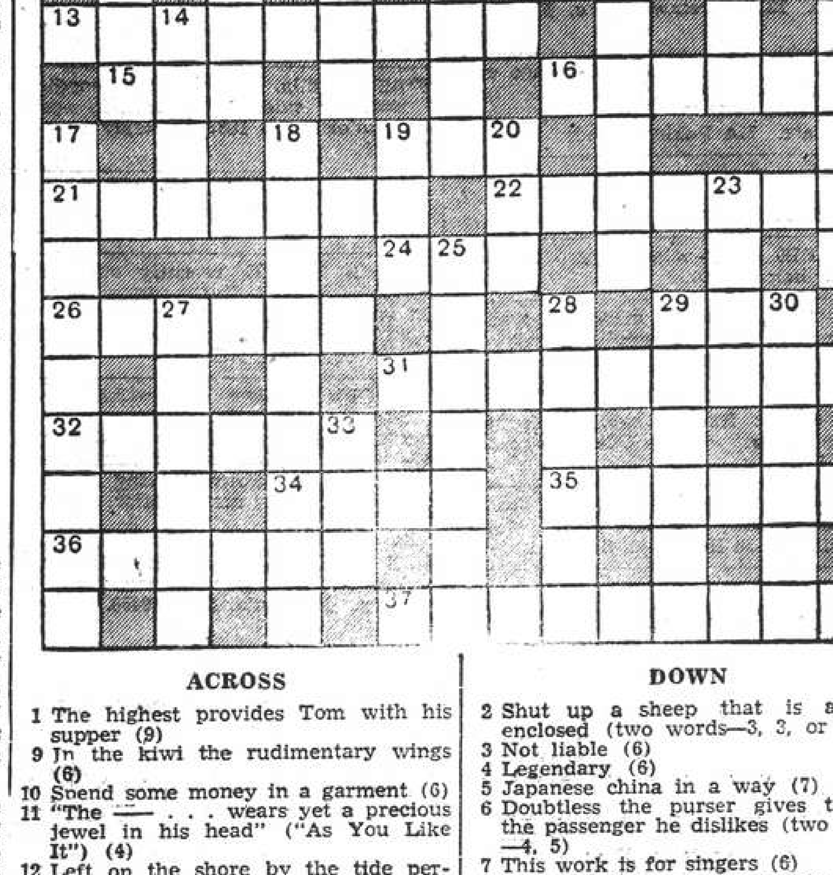
(By Arrangement with the "Daily Telegraph.")



ACROSS

1 The highest provides Tom with his supper (9)
9 In the kiwi the rudimentary wings (6)
10 Spend some money in a garment (6)
11 "The —— . . . wears yet a precious jewel in his head" ("As You Like It") (4)
12 Left on the shore by the tide perhaps (6)
13 We hope the new Head of the River crew are not cock-a-hoop thus (9)
15 A ready touch (3)
16 Cut around a little distance as it is ripe (6)
19 Fruit from a backward tree (3)
21 Far from friendly (7)
22 A form of motor-car (7)
24 1 across is a clue to this (3)
26 This is often used as a tender (6)
29 A little pocket (3)
31 The glue trade becomes under control (9)
32 One might expect to find this part of many ships more common in the Castle line (6)
34 Balsam (4)
35 Not a wooden image but an oriental edict (6)
36 Give ear to a false valuation of a Roman numeral (6)
37 Went back in thought (9)

DOWN

2 Shut up a sheep that is already enclosed (two words—3, 3, or 4, 2)
3 Not liable (6)
4 Legendary (6)
5 Japanese china in a way (7)
6 Doubtless the purser gives this to the passenger he dislikes (two words —4, 5)
7 This work is for singers (6)
8 The technique of the painter (and the housemaid?) (9)
9 This often follows the shot (3)
14 Spoils from another world (4)
17 A hip dislocated lately is enough clue (9)
18 The ranges would have been familiar to this famous soldier (9)
19 Still (3)
20 To make this is one of the chief jobs of the explorer (3)
23 If the stork is the symbol of an occupied cot, this represents an empty one (4)
25 Belated suggestion of a coming change in the cricket field (7)
27 The opposite of peace (6)
28 Unhappy as an overstocked herbalist? (6)
29 Material (6)
30 Look out for a hostile bee (6)
33 Colour (3)

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 1, Box-office; 9, Tourer; 10, Spectral; 11, Bridge; 12, Defile; 14, Bias; 15, Durer; 16, Detach; 18, Insight; 21, Lectern; 24, Either; 26, Huron; 30, Vole; 31, Enigma; 32, Gallon; 33, Truebred; 34, Nerves; 35, Craftsmen. DOWN: 2, Osprey; 3, Orchid; 4, Former; 5, Calibre; 6, Coarse; 7, Graduate; 8, Breeching; 11, Badge; 13, Lung; 17, Oil-engine; 19, Settlers; 20, Heron; 22, Coon; 23, Chester; 25, Evoked; 27, Rebuff; 28, Nimbus; 29, Impede.

Yunnan Ready to Fight Invaders

Japanese Believed Not Yet Ready; Position in Tongking Unconsolidated

Chungking, Feb. 3.

If the Japanese endeavour to invade Yunnan, this province will do its utmost to resist invasion, declared Gen. Lung Yun, Governor of Yunnan, in a special interview to which prominence is given in this morning's "Ta Kung Pao," influential Chinese daily.

"Japan's mediation in the Thailand-Indo-China dispute is mainly for the purpose of extending her influence in French Indo-China and to completely dominate the Tonking district," Gen. Lung Yun said.

"The report that Japan hesitates to proceed southward remains to be proven," he added. "It is possible that Japan may attempt to invade Yunnan, but experts are of the opinion that Japan is not likely to attempt an invasion of Yunnan until she succeeds in the consolidation of her position in French Indo-China, since Japan must use Indo-China as her main base of attack upon Yunnan province.

"Yunnan is a mountainous and difficult terrain," said the Yunnan Governor. "If the Japanese invade Yunnan they must undertake military operations away from the highways and railways. They will have to rely on pack animals or human labour for the transportation of supplies and food.

"The present season is the most suitable time for military operations in Yunnan," he added. "Later, the weather conditions will deteriorate and the rainy season will start, which will make it most difficult for large scale operations. It is impossible to predict whether the Japanese will launch their drive before or after the rainy season. So long as Japan does not abandon her ambition to conquer China, we must be fully prepared to meet all eventualities," Gen. Lung Yun added.—Reuter.

Italians Said Aware Of Grave Situation

Berne, Feb. 2.

The Italian people are fully conscious of the present perilous situation and the great events to come, the Rome correspondent of the "Bosler Nachrichten" reported today.

He said that food restrictions in restaurants had been intensified.

The correspondent also announced that the area between Sicily and North Africa in the Mediterranean was now considered a war zone by the Italian authorities.—Havas.

Manchoukuo Envoy Arrives in Rome

Rome, Feb. 3.

Mr. Lo Chen-pang, newly appointed Manchoukuo Ambassador to Italy, presented yesterday morning his credentials to King Victor Emmanuel, at the Quirinal Palace.—Domei.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Cotton yn. 20's, D.H.	per bale	$1,491
Tungchow cotton	per picul	237
Shanghai cotton	per picul	218
Raw silk, Steamfil, 20/22 78%	picul	$5,000
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TO-DAY'S WEATHER PROBABILITIES

Fine and cold weather with fresh winter monsoon over Shantung, our regions and the China Coast Cloudy sky and morning fog in places.

	At Cathedral		At Siccawei	
Temperature yesterday	min. 31.0	max. 53.0	min. 27.7	max. 55.9
„ same date last year	min. 17.0	max. 32.0	min. 13.5	max. 34.3

AIR AND OCEAN MAILS

Pan American Airways Service per steamer on Feb. 7, 7 p.m. registered and 8 p.m. ordinary due San Francisco on Feb. 18. Air mails for Europe may be sent by this service to U.S.A. for connection with the P.A.A. Trans-Atlantic Air Service.

British Overseas Airways Service per steamer to Singapore on Feb. 5, at 5.30 p.m. for registered and at 6.30 p.m. for ordinary.

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To-day's Events $4 per line, which includes all insertions till date of event.

BIRTH

BUCKLAND.—On February 3, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. BUCKLAND, a daughter, ROSE IRENE. -1673

MARRIAGE

ARNHOLD—GASSAWAY.—On February 1, 1941, in Manila, JEAN GASSAWAY to HARRY EDWARD ARNHOLD. 10638

DEATH

FORSYTH.—On January 29, 1941, at Ferndown, England, ANNIE GRAY MAITLAND, the widow of Robert Coventry Forsyth, who was for many years a missionary in Shantung, mother-in-law of E. S. Little. 10632

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P.P.C. -1693

The Family of the late Mrs. NELLIE ROWSELL are very grateful and thank their friends for the beautiful flowers and for the messages of sympathy received during their recent sad bereavement. 10625

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. CORBETT tender sincere thanks to their friends for the beautiful floral tributes and for expressions of sympathy received during their recent sad bereavement. 10626

TO-DAY'S EVENTS

FEBRUARY

4 British United Services Association. Monthly tiffin. 'The Dome' 12.30 p.m.
4 Bridge-Mahjong and Fashion Show by Mme Gingeroff in aid of St. Olga's Orphanage Y.M.C.A. 2.30-7 p.m.
4 *Beginning of Spring (Li-ch'un)*

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

6 For. Y. "Movies and Talk on India" by George J. McCarthy, 9. p.m.
7 Mr. K. A. Persen broadcast XMHA. 9
9 S'hai Municipal Orchestra Lyc. 5.15
10 American Junior Chamber Commerce Chinese Language Classes begin to-day
12 Postage Stamp auction, 4th fl. Arnhold Bldg. 5.30
12 Cathedral School Old Boys Ass. Annual Meeting. 39 Myburgh Rd. 5.30 p.m.
13 R. L. Op. "Les Cloches de Corneville" Lyc. 8.15
13 Royal Asiatic Society: Mr. E. Kann on "Chinese Carved Ivories" 5.30 p.m.
16 Christian Science Broadcast XMHA 6.30
17 S.A.C.S. "Western motives in Chinese Art." by A. H. Burling. For Y. 5.30
22 Jewish Recreation Club Annual Dance at Shanghai Race Club 9.30 p.m.
28 Rover Scout Concert, Lyceum, 9
28 Special Soiree, in aid of St. Tichon's Orphanage, French Club 9.30 p.m.

MARCH

1 Rover Scout Concert, Lyceum, 3

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Admittance to the meeting will be restricted to ratepayers in possession of the new voting tickets which is green in colour to distinguish it from the white voting ticket previously issued.

Ratepayers who have not received their tickets by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, at the latest, are requested to communicate with the Deputy Treasurer, Revenue, No. 209 Kiangse Road. Telephone No. 12810-ext. 29.

By order,

G. GODFREY PHILLIPS.
Secretary and Commissioner General.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, January 30, 1941. 10546

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Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 that all persons having claims or demands upon or against the Estate of SIDNEY LEIGH HORROBIN, late of the Shanghai Club, Shanghai, China, who died on the 11th day of February 1940 at Shanghai aforesaid are hereby requested to send in writing particulars of their claims or demands to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of April 1941 AND that after such date the undersigned will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to claims and demands of which the undersigned shall then have had notice and will not be answerable for the assets so distributed or any part thereof to any person of whose claim or demand the undersigned shall not then have had notice.

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Barometer (inches)	30.54	30.56	30.46	30.47
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.15	—0.14	—0.19	—0.20
at 32 F. („ „ 12 hrs.)	—0.11	—0.11	—0.08	—0.09
Wind (direction)	NW	SE	SE	SE
„ (miles per hour)	3.1	6.2	5.6	3.1
Temperature (Fahr.)	42.3°	33.4°	29.3°	39.2°
Humidity (per cent)	54	89	90	70
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	5	3	0	0
Rainfall (inches)	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report Feb. 2	Mean 1941	24 hrs. variation	68 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.60	—0.13	30.30
Temp. min. 21.4° Max. 48.0°	34.7°	+2.2°	37.0°
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	3.01	—	2.10

Time and Tide	4/2	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2	10/2
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.45	6.44	6.44	6.43	6.43	6.42	6.41
Sun sets at Shanghai	17.31	17.32	17.32	17.33	17.34	17.35	17.36
Moon rises at Shanghai	11.08	11.46	12.28	13.14	14.04	14.59	15.58
Moon sets at Shanghai	—	0.36	1.28	2.20	3.12	4.04	4.54
Flood makes Shai. (day)	15.35	16.30	17.34	5.50	7.00	8.05	9.05
Ebb makes Shai. (day)	8.00	8.54	10.25	12.13	13.10	13.54	14.38
H.W. W'sung Bar (day)	17.20	5.39	7.31	9.18	10.18	11.00	11.40
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	6.70	6.22	6.82	7.33	8.18	8.85	—

THE WEATHER

(See top of page, left)

State on the morning of the 2nd:—Siberian anticyclone high and steady over China and Japan. Fresh monsoon along the China Coast. Fine and very cold weather in China.

State on the morning of the 3rd:—Fine weather and sharp cold with heavy hoar frost. South-easterly breezes. High and falling pressure.—Sicawei Observatory.

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(See top of page, right)

The following times apply to the Head Post office Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

TUESDAY, February 4.	Reg.	Ord.
Tsingtao and Dairen	*20.00	7.15
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
Amoy	19.30	20.00
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	19.30	20.00
WEDNESDAY, February 5.		
Amoy Swatow and Canton	x 9.30	10.00
Nantung	14.30	15.00
Aust. N.Z. Manila S.S. Ceylon India and Suez (via Colombo)	AX17.00	18.30
Hongkong and Canton	x 18.00	18.30
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
Hongkong and Canton	19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, February 6.		
Chefoo and Tientsin	*20.00	[illegible]
Amoy Swatow and Canton	x 9.30	10.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	x 9.30	10.00
Formosa via Keelung	x 14.30	15.00
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U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	18.30	20.00
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	19.30	20.00
Hongkong and Canton	19.30	20.00

* The night before

A Parcel mail for S.S. F.M.S. Ceylon Africa and India, closes at 16.00 on 5th.

X Provisional time—subject to alterations.

Next parcel mail for U.S.A. [illegible] on Feb. 8, 1941.

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Air mails close every Sunday and Wednesday at 3 p.m. for registered and ordinary for transmission per Shanghai-Canton Air Line to connect with the aeroplane leaving Canton on Friday. The air mails may also be sent per available steamer to Canton via Hongkong.

Netherlands K.L.M. Air Mail Service (Batavia-Lydda) per steamer to Singapore on Feb. 5, at 5.30 p.m. for registered and at 6.30 p.m. for ordinary.

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